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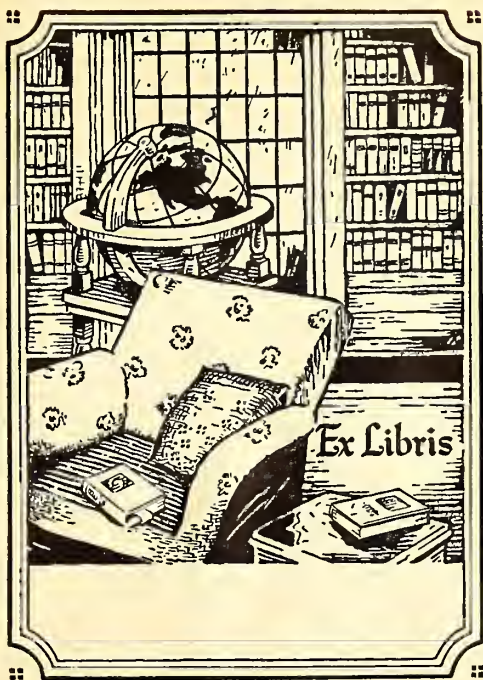
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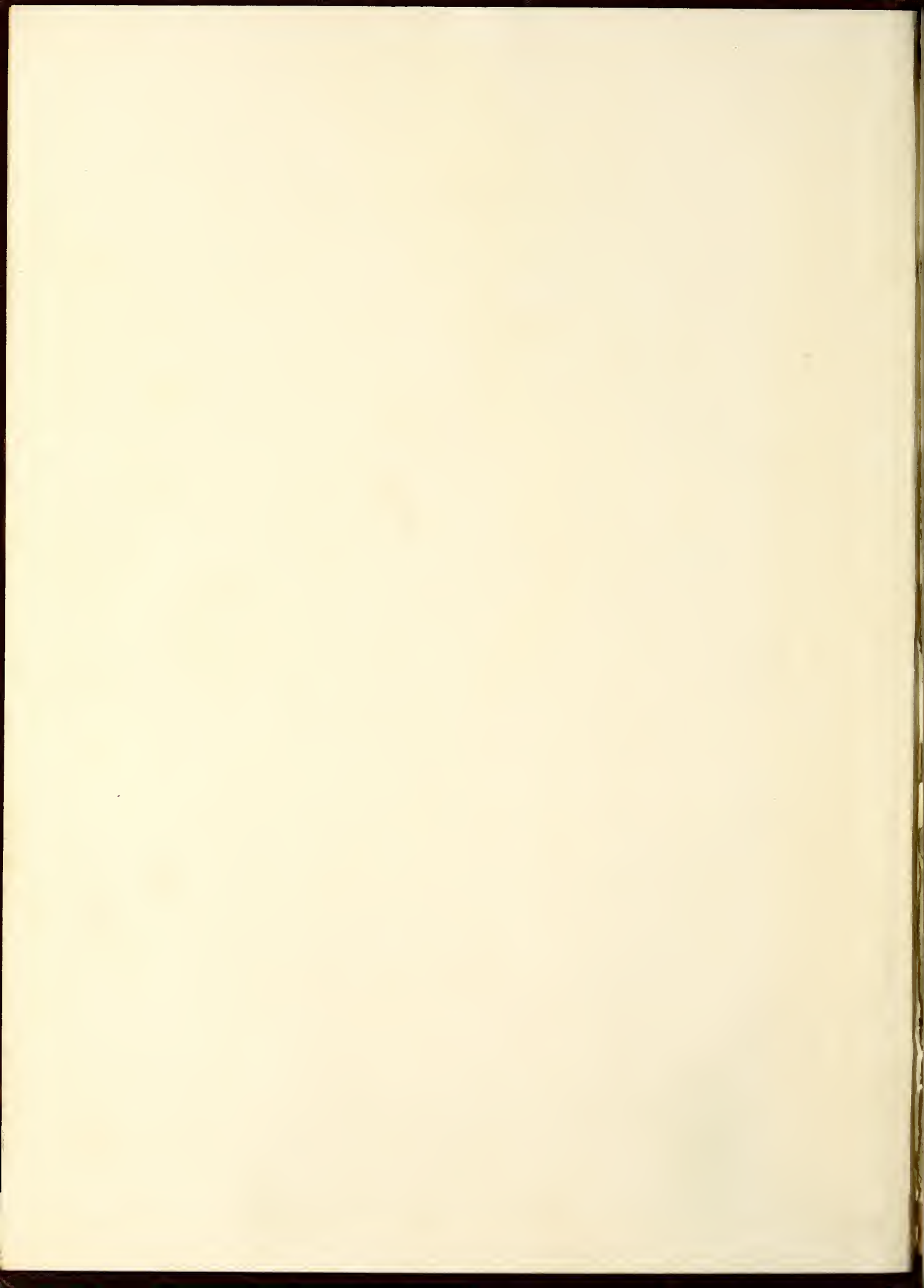


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Joliet, or Juliet as it was first called, is a thriving City of 35,000 inhabitants, and is situated thirty-seven miles from the central part of Chicago, on the Des-plaines river. The City is a manufacturing community and is entered by no less than six railroads, as well as the Illinois and Michigan canal. It is, as is well known, the site of the Illinois State Penitentiary and is one of the cities through which the Chicago Drainage Canal will pass. Its name is known all over the country for the excellence of the limestone which is extensively quarried and which is sold in large quantities all over the United States.

The products of its manufactories have made an enviable reputation in commercial circles throughout the country, and its business enterprises, interests and relations are constantly extending and increasing in importance. Joliet is in size the third City in the State of Illinois, and the business done in the City annually is very much greater in volume than in any other City in the State except Chicago and Peoria.

In the pages which follow the attention of the reader will be called to the desirability of the City as a business location, to its several great manufacturing industries and to its professional and business men. Some of the things which should have been mentioned have doubtless been overlooked, but the aim has been, and no pains or expense have been spared to carry out the aim, to present in an interesting manner the principal characteristics of the City and of its business, professional and social life.

Early History.

The first settlers in the district which the present City limits include, were Robert Stevens and David Maggard, who made claims in 1830 and brought their families in 1831. The plat of the township, however, was not laid out until 1834, when another settler, James B. Campbell, drew a plat of the town and called it Juliet. Why it was given this name is traditional. Some say that it was to honor some female relative, and others aver that it was named after Shakespeare's well-known heroine. This seems to have been the idea of some other speculator of the day who, as an offset, laid out a little town above Lockport and called it Romeo. The name which the City has borne ever since its organization is Joliet, and was taken from the name of Louis Joliet, a French trader, who visited the district in the early part of the seventeenth century in company with the devoted Jesuit missionary, James Marquette.

In the years 1834, 1835 and 1836, the number of settlers grew rapidly, and in 1837 the town had reached such magnificent proportions that it was determined to obtain an act of incorporation. There was the most intense rivalry between the two sides of the river, and it was determined that two of the trustees should be from each side of the river, and of course the bone of contention was which

side would get the odd one. The first election showed that even in those early days the sturdy old settlers "knew a thing or two" about politics. It had been decided that no one not a property owner could vote, and it was found that the west side had more voters than the other. It was a foregone conclusion apparently, that the west side would win, but a traveling circus happened to reach the



WILL COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

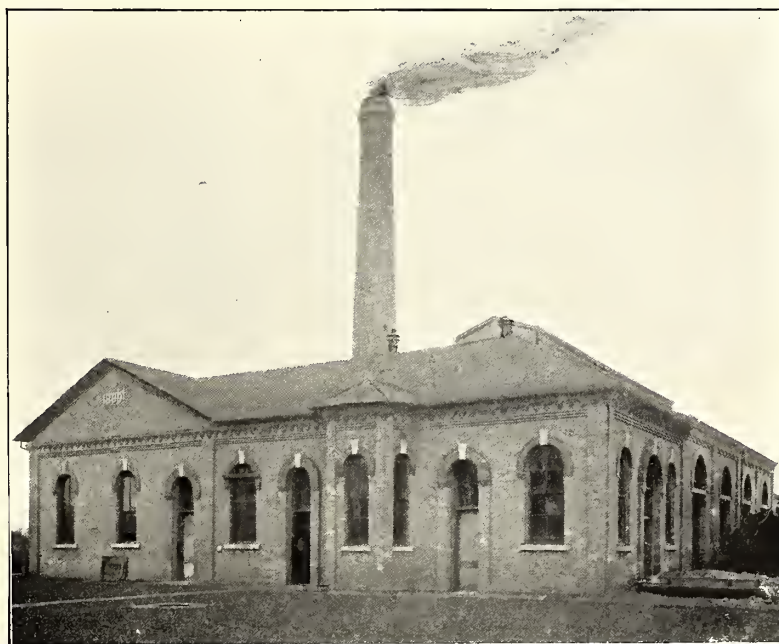
City and a lot on the east side was deeded to the circus men, and that number of votes was added to the east side's supporters, making them win out rather easily.

In 1845, by an act of the legislature, the name Juliet was changed to Joliet, which it has since retained. Joliet was incorporated as a City June 19, 1852, and laid out into five wards, which number has since been increased to seven.

Organization of County and City.

The first election for Will County was held in 1836, Joliet, or Juliet as it was then called, having been until that year a part of Will County. The first public building erected by the County was the combined court house and jail which was built the following year. The present court house is the third which has been erected in the history of the County.

The present building is a most creditable one and occupies the square bounded by Jefferson, Ottawa, Washington and Chicago streets. It is three stories high and 147x74 feet in area. It is a building of unusual architectural beauty, and cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The county jail is one of the best



JOLIET WATER WORKS.

built and most secure in the country, and most of the federal prisoners awaiting trial or the action of the federal grand jury in Chicago, are brought to Joliet. Will is a Republican county, and the present officials are all of this political belief.

Joliet was not permanently organized as a City until 1852, when an election was held under a charter. The City at first had five wards and the number has since been increased to seven. The elective City officials are: Mayor, Sebastian Lager; City Clerk, S. C. Rickson; City Attorney, Coll McNaughton; City Treasurer, John F. Quinn; Police Magistrate, Henry Weber. Aldermen: First Ward, J. M. Langdon, J. R. Lamb; Second Ward, M. S. Harney, Lawrence Kennedy; Third Ward, Joseph Braun, Jr., L. A. Raub; Fourth Ward, A. Harris, John W. D'Arcy; Fifth Ward, B. E. Burke, Daniel Feely; Sixth Ward, John W. Gray, Christy Byrne; Seventh Ward, H. C. Cullom, W. T. Whitmore.

Transportation Facilities.

The first question asked by manufacturers about a city where they contemplate building a factory is, "what are the transportation facilities?" In this respect Joliet is peculiarly well fixed.



SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL.

It is connected with Chicago by the main lines of the Chicago & Alton, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroads, which also connect the City with the great coal fields lying a little below the City. The passenger trains between Chicago and Joliet make the distance in an even hour, and a number of people who have business in Chicago find it convenient to have their residences in Joliet.

The Calumet & Blue Island railway also connects the city with Chicago, but is used principally by the Illinois Steel Company into whose yards it runs. The Indiana branch of the Michigan Central connects Joliet with Porter, Indiana, and furnishes an easy method for shipment east without going through Chicago. The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern completes the list.

In addition to the railroads, the Illinois and Michigan canal runs through the heart of the City and a great deal of freight is carried over it during the summer months. It is expected that it will be but a short time before the long looked for ship canal will be constructed, connecting the City with the Mississippi river.

The drainage channel which will be built during the next twelve months will be so constructed that it will be navigable and boats can run on it between Joliet and Chicago. Work on this channel south of Lockport and inside the city limits of Joliet has already been commenced and the channel will be so constructed that 35,000 horse power will be added to the natural advantages of the City.



PRIVATE ROOM, SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL.

Joliet an Orderly City.

Joliet is a peculiarly orderly City for one of its nature and magnitude. Although nearly half of its population is composed of the families of the mill workmen, and embraces many different nationalities, cases of disorder are rare and serious

crimes are almost unknown. During the hard times of the last few years the City has been cursed by none of the turbulence characteristic of the workingmen in almost every other city of like size and nature in the country, and notwithstanding the fact that many of the manufacturers found it necessary for a time to reduce wages there were no strikes of importance and absolutely none in which violence was used. Anti-saloon people are inclined to attribute this most credit-



ONE OF WARDS, SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL.

table fact to the stringent laws regulating the liquor selling and they doubtless have had a most salutary effect, but most of the credit belongs to the unusual intelligence of the main body of the workingmen. During the last winter an unusually hard one for the employees of the great corporations, a smaller proportion of persons applied for public aid than in any other city in the country. This fact became so well known and the Joliet business men were so prosperous, even during the blackest of the dark days of financial depression, that it was a very common thing for commercial travelers to



AN OPERATING ROOM, SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL.

remark to their Stone City patrons that "Joliet didn't know what hard times were." The coming of renewed activity in business finds Joliet manufacturers and business men with ample capital to take advantage of the opportunities for increasing the volume of their business. Only two of the great manufacturing plants were shut down during the troublous times, and for the most part those who have cared to work have had work to do at a living wage.



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL.

Banks of Joliet.

Joliet is particularly fortunate in the number and reliability of its banking institutions. There are now five banks in the City, three of which are national banks, and the stability and safety of none of these has for a moment been questioned. The confidence felt by the people in them is particularly noteworthy on account of a particularly rotten failure which within a few years cost Joliet much money. The banks now in operation are the private bank of H. F. Cagwin & Co., the German Savings Bank and the Joliet, First and Will County National Banks. All of these are amply capitalized and all are conducted by experienced and able bankers. Safety deposit vaults are a part of the equipment of the national banks.

Principal Industries of Joliet.

Of the great manufactures which are to-day the backbone of Joliet, so far as commercial activity is concerned, none is so large nor so important as the Joliet branch of the Illinois Steel Company, which includes five mills, two blast furnaces and employs more than 2000 men. Other prominent manufactories are the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company, the Consolidated Barbed Wire Company, the Fox Plant, the Bates Machine Company, the McKenna Steel Working Company,

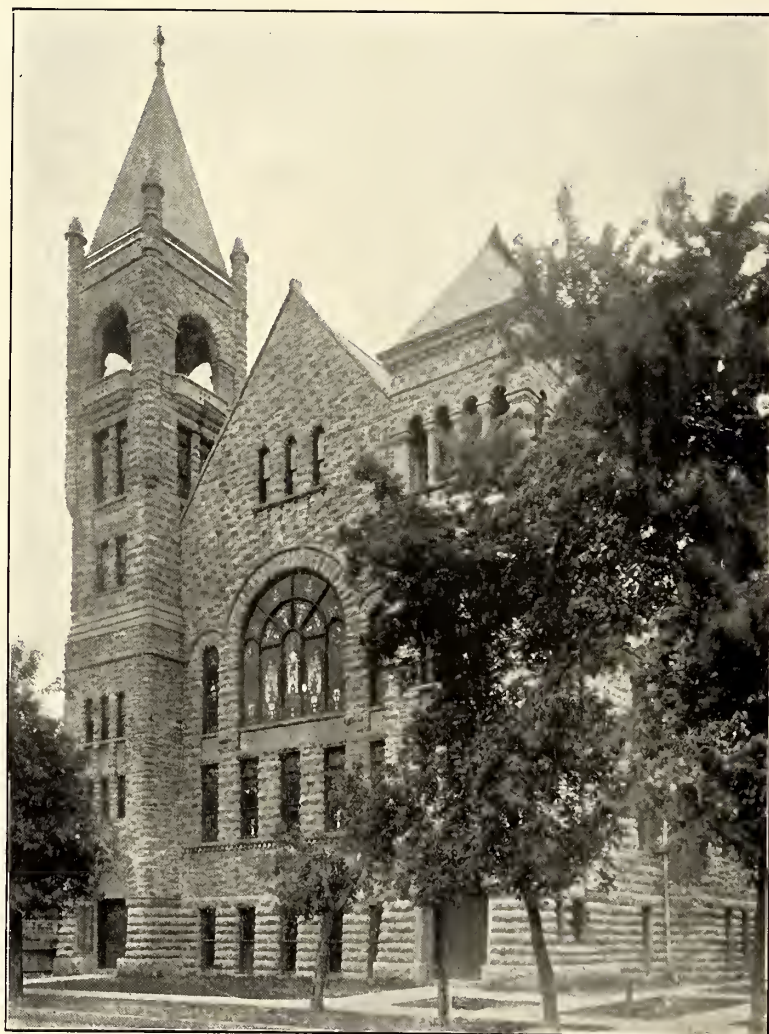


EASTERN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

the Great Western Tin Plate Works and many others. The Porter and Sehring Breweries are also located in Joliet, and in the few industries mentioned nearly 5000 men are employed. All of the manufactories named are employed in iron, steel or machine working.

Among the many industries which give employment to the workingmen of the City none is of greater importance than that of quarrying stone. Side by side with the vast deposits of coal that enrich the southern portion of the county lie the inexhaustible quarries which have given to Joliet the proud name of the Stone City. The working of these quarries gives employment to nearly a thousand

men and induces the liberal investment of capital within the limits of the municipality. They have been opened upon every side until the City is fairly surrounded. The stone is in some places less than two feet beneath the surface, while in others it is necessary to remove as much as twenty feet of earth before reaching it. The stone that has made Joliet so famous is a magnesian limestone of a bluish white tinge and is noted for its beauty and durability. The quality of



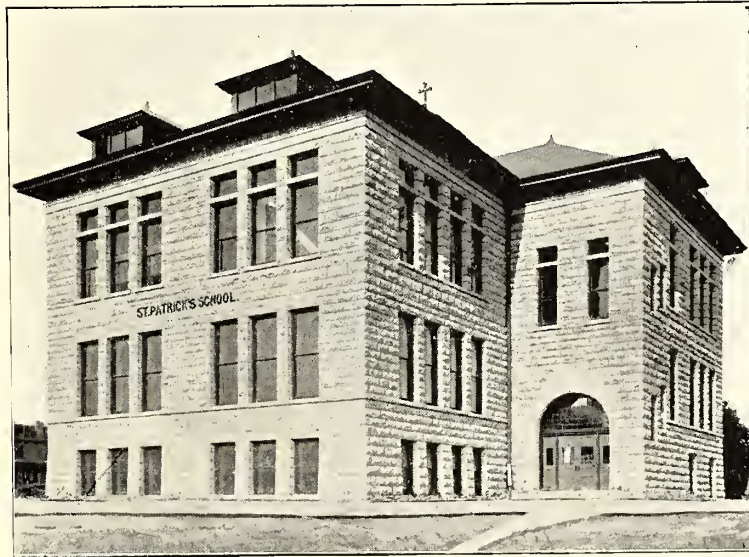
RICHARDS STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

the stone is pronounced by scientists to be finer than that of any other limestone quarried in this country. It is known and used, to a greater or less degree, in every State in the Northwest for furnishing the most substantial and handsome walls for large buildings of any stone known to the architectural world. As ascertained by government tests, the stone resists a crushing force of 15,000 pounds to the square inch. The quarries are busy nine months in the year and the business represented by the various companies amounts to a half million of dollars annually and the output aggregates 3000 cars a month.

The State Penitentiary.

Next to its stone industry the thing which makes Joliet well known, perhaps more than any other, is the fact that it is here that the Illinois State Penitentiary is located. Visitors to the City usually express a desire to see the Penitentiary almost before they have stepped from the train, and it is known by reputation all over the country. It has been most fortunate in securing the most competent wardens ever since it was started, and the gentleman who at present holds the position, Major R. W. McClaughry, is in the front ranks of efficient officials and has done much to make more useful the necessary punishment of criminals by the State.

The first buildings of the Joliet Penitentiary were put up in 1858 and the walls enclose between fifteen and sixteen acres. There are usually between 1300



ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.
J. G. WILHELMI, BUILDER.

and 1400 convicts in the institution, of whom about 75 are women, the female prison house being entirely apart from that of the men. All of the convicts who are able to work are employed at some trade, chair making, shoe making, coopering and cutting stone furnishing employment for the majority of the prisoners. The institution has the reputation of being as well regulated as any in the country and has been singularly free from the scandals which are so frequently attached to state institutions. Persons in outside cities who are not conversant with the facts frequently say that they would be afraid to live in a prison city, but as a matter of fact the convicts are no more a part of Joliet than they are of Rockford. When released at the expiration of their term they are sent back to the place from which they were originally sent, and the City of Joliet probably has less ex-convicts than most cities of its size.

Hospitals of Joliet.

Among the features of Joliet should be mentioned the St. Joseph's and Silver Cross Hospitals. St. Joseph's is the older and larger of the two and was founded by the Catholics of Will County, while the Silver Cross is a Protestant institution and was opened for the reception of patients less than two years ago. St. Joseph's



FIFTH WARD OR ILLINOIS STREET SCHOOL.

accommodates sixty patients and there are forty beds in the Silver Cross. Both institutions are admirably managed and are much superior to the ordinary hospital found in cities the size of Joliet. Neither has any endowment whatever, although each owns its own buildings and grounds. The running expenses are paid for the most part by voluntary donations, the money received from patients being scarcely more than ten per cent of their running expenses. Each institution is supplied with every modern convenience and each has a full corps of trained nurses.

As a Place of Residence.

Viewed as a residence City many of the advantages which appeal to the business man are also to be taken into consideration by him who would build a home. The distance from Chicago and the easy accessibility of that metropolis are among the most decided, but by no means the most important, of the claims which the



ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

City has as a place of residence. For the Chicago business man of ordinary means perhaps no place is so desirable as a home. He may secure railroad tickets which cost but little more than his ordinary car fare would come to from one part of Chicago to another, and the time required to reach the great city is but a trifle more

than would be required inside the city limits. The thirty odd miles of road which connect the cities run through a beautiful country and the ride is a recreation instead of the bore that the slow going street cars are. Joliet is not a City of rich men and there are no imposing mansions within its limits, but the City is clean, well lighted, has wide streets and beautiful shade trees, and the residences are artistic and well arranged.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Educational Advantages.

In looking for a place of residence for his family the average man takes into consideration the educational advantages of the City in which he may wish to locate, and it is here that Joliet excels. The public school system of the City is most admirable in its conduct, and the school buildings are so numerous and so well arranged that the pupil has not far to go to reach his own school rooms, no matter in which part of the city he may live. It has been the good fortune of the City for many years to have its schools under the control of inspectors, who have performed their unremunerate duties with as great fidelity as if it were their only business, and so signal has been their success that at each election the office is most hotly contested for, although it brings in no salary. As a consequence, the grammar schools rank with the best in the state and the certificate showing the completion of the high school course admits to many of the leading colleges and universities of the country. Joliet set a new precedent last spring so far as Illinois cities are concerned, when its school board appointed a lady to the position of School Superintendent. Mrs. Kate A. Henderson, the appointee, is an educator

of pronounced ability and it is expected that under her management their already great sphere of usefulness will be enlarged.

Besides the public schools, the academies of St. Francis and St. Mary, the Putland Business College and numerous small private schools are open to those who care to pay the tuition which is required.

Joliet Churches.

Joliet is so well provided with churches that a number of attempts have been made to change its name from Stone City to City of Churches. Each of the denominations have one or more handsome, substantial and well appointed church buildings and each receives ample support. All of the churches are in a strong



RESIDENCE OF JOHN T. DONAHOE.

condition and the sentiment in general is heartily in accord with them. Whether or not it is for this reason that the young men of the City are, as a rule, of an industrious and thrifty class it is hard to say, but in no other city will be found so many young men in business.

The first church organized in Joliet was of the Presbyterian denomination and was founded August 12, 1834. In May of the following year, Bishop Chase, a missionary bishop of the Episcopal church organized a church society of the denomination to which he belonged. This is the Christ church of the present day and is the oldest religious organization of the City. Its present edifice was not built until within recent years, and in fact it never had a church building of its own until 1857, but the organization has remained intact ever since its establishment, more than sixty years ago. Next to it in point of age is St. Patrick's Roman Catholic which was organized in 1838 and which has the honor of having been the first society to erect a church building in Joliet with the exception of a

small building erected by members of the Methodist denomination in the previous year. St. Mary's, an off shoot of St. Patrick's, enjoys the distinction of having a larger membership than any other church in the City.

The City now has forty odd churches. They include seven of the Baptist denomination, five of them being missions; six of the Roman Catholic, including one each for the Austrians, Germans and Poles; two Episcopal; one Evangelical Lutheran; three Lutheran; seven Methodist Episcopal; four Presbyterian; one Swedenborgian; two Swedish; one Universalist; and a number of miscellaneous societies. There is now no Congregational church in Joliet, the society originally founded in that denomination now being known as the Central Presbyterian church.



RESIDENCE OF JOSEPH BRAUN, JR.

Secret and Social Societies.

There are numbers of social organizations in the City, including the Union and Germania Clubs and many others whose memberships are smaller. Among them may be mentioned the Joliet Saengerbund; the Schutzen Verein, which has one of the finest shooting parks in the country; the Steel Works Club; the Business Men's Association and almost countless smaller organizations. The secret societies are also well represented and the list includes the Elks, the Hibernians, the Free Masons, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, National Union, Royal Arcanum, Sons of St. George, Patriotic Sons of America, Odd Fellows, Good Templars, Independent and Catholic Orders of Forresters, Fraternal Mystic Circle and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In addition to these there are numbers of benevolent, religious and labor societies, the local Trades and Labor Council being composed of delegates from fifteen unions.

Present City Administration.

The present administration is a most progressive one, has already accomplished much towards improving the City and will accomplish much more. Practically all of the streets in the central part of the City which are not already provided with sewer and water will have those advantages within a year and most of them are to be paved. Ordinances for a half million of dollars expenditure in improvements have already been passed since the present Council took hold of the affairs of the municipality, and improvements are being pushed forward at a rapid rate. The City is provided with an excellent water works and a sewer system which does excellent work.



RESIDENCE OF C. S. WITWER.

The efficiency of the Police Department compares more than favorably with other like departments in cities of like size in the State, a circumstance which no doubt accounts in a great measure for the limited number of crimes committed in the City. The Fire Department is one that all the citizens may be proud of, and nothing can be said of it except in the language of praise. The universal testimonial of all fire insurance companies is that Joliet has the best fire department in the State.

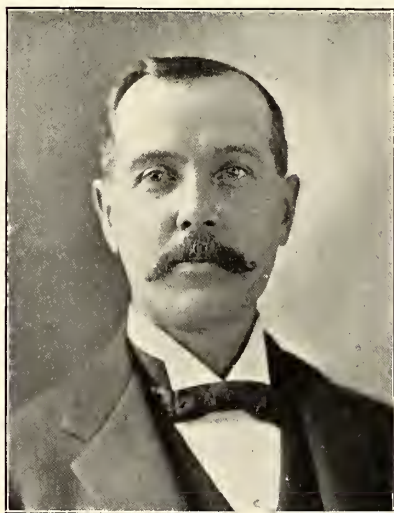
John D. Paige, who is the chief of the department, is a fire fighter of years standing, and has had an experience of more than twenty years in public life. He has done much to bring the department to its present high standard of efficiency, and the fact that he has the universal confidence of the Council has aided him materially. He has plenty of the very best fire fighting apparatus at his command and the department is in every way well equipped.



RESIDENCE OF MAYOR SEBASTIAN LAGGER.

Mayor Sebastian Lagger.

Sebastian Lagger, Mayor of Joliet, has been identified with prominent business industries in this City ever since he was a mere boy. He has been prominently connected with the German Savings Bank, the Joliet National Bank and with the E. Porter Brewing Company. Previous to his election as Mayor he had for twelve years represented his ward in the City Council, and probably knows better than any man in Joliet today the needs of the City. He devotes much more time to the duties of his office than most men would, and takes a pride in seeing that every detail of the City's business is well looked after. Mr. Lagger is particularly anxious to see that the City has good streets and a good sewage system.

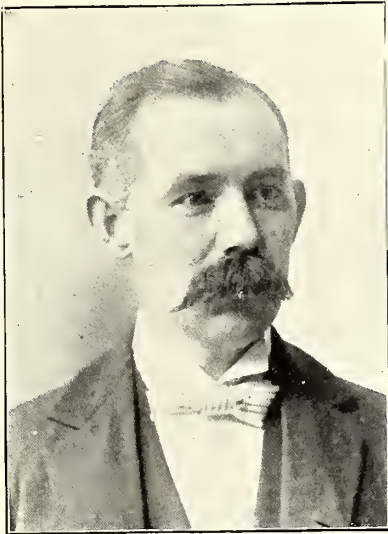


MAYOR SEBASTIAN LAGGER.

Mr. Lagger is married and has a beautiful home (a picture of which is shown in this work) and an unusually interesting family of children. He is an affable and courteous gentleman at all times and is giving the City an admirable administration.

Alderman John M. Langdon.

John M. Langdon, the Senior Alderman from the First Ward, is serving his first term in public office, having been elected to the position which he now holds in 1895 by the largest majority which his ward has ever given to an aldermanic candidate.



ALD. JOHN M. LANGDON.

Mr. Langdon has devoted himself most assiduously to the interests of his ward and of the City at large, and his career in the Council has been most creditable, alike to himself and the constituents whom he represents. He is one of the progressive men of the Council, and as chairman of the ordinance committee presented many of the measures which passed the Council this year and which provide for increased efficiency of the sewer and water system of the City and for the enlargement of Joliet's boulevard system.

Mr. Langdon was born in Joliet, September 15, 1867, and received his education in the public schools. He then went into the meat business with Edward Talbot, and since 1889 has been in business for himself in the same line. His long experience has made him an excellent judge of meats and none but the best is sold over his counters. He enjoys a lucrative business which is constantly on the increase and is successful alike in business and politics.

Alderman James R. Lamb.

James R. Lamb, who was elected Alderman of the First Ward last spring, after one of the hottest political campaigns in the history of the Ward, is a native of Ohio, having been born in Breckville, in January, 1854. For the last twenty years, however, Mr. Lamb has been a resident of Joliet and is known as one of the successful and solid business men in the City.

Mr. Lamb's career in the City Council, although he has been a member of that body but a few months, has already proved that he is an excellent man for the position and that he is determined that the City shall get value received for every cent which it pays out. Although progressive, and strongly in favor of improvement, Alderman Lamb believes in consulting the wishes of those most interested and proposals for improvements which are strongly opposed by the property owners do not receive his support.

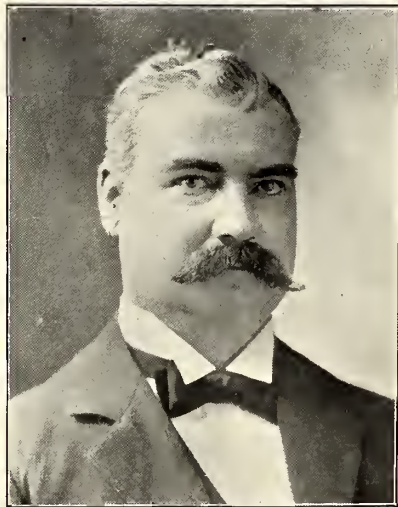
Like his colleague in the Council, Mr. Lamb is in the meat business, which he has followed uninterruptedly for nineteen years. He carries in stock the finest meats obtainable and disposes of them at reasonable prices.



ALD. JAMES R. LAMB.

Alderman Matthew S. Harney.

Matthew S. Harney, the Senior Alderman from the Second Ward, is one of the most influential and highly respected members of the City Council. He removed from Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1867, when eight years of



ALD. MATTHEW S. HARNEY.

age, and came to Joliet with his parents. After leaving the public schools, where his education was obtained, Mr. Harney was employed as a rail hand in the Illinois Steel Company's Joliet plant, and in 1884 he was made a captain in the Joliet Police Department, a position which he filled most acceptably from 1884 until 1887. On the following year he engaged in the liquor business in which he has remained ever since.

In 1891 Mr. Harney was asked to take the nomination for Alderman of the Second Ward for the one year term and was elected. He went before the people again in 1892, was again successful and has been returned at the election of 1894 and 1896. Although by no means an orator, Mr. Harney is one of the most convincing speakers in debate.

Alderman Lawrence A. Kennedy.

Lawrence A. Kennedy, who was elected to his third term as representative of the Second Ward in the City Council at the spring election, is a native of Joliet, having been born in the City, September 28, 1861, and received his education at the Joliet public schools. His first business connection was with David Wiener in the clothing business, and in 1894 he organized the wholesale meat firm of Kennedy & Co., which does business at 405 Washington street. The business done by the firm is one of the largest done by any similar concern in the City, and their big store, 25x165 feet in size, is filled with a \$10,000 stock. The business of the firm is principally in supplying hotels, restaurants and large retail dealers and the firm has been extremely successful since organization.

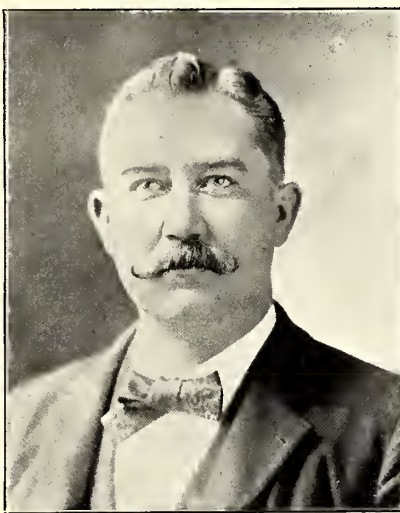
In 1893, Mr. Kennedy was elected Alderman of the Second Ward, making the race upon the regular Democratic ticket, and so well has he pleased his constituents that he has been twice returned, each time by good majorities. His record in the Council has been a clean one and he is a highly valued member of that body. Mr. Kennedy is this year the chairman of the council committee on public buildings.



ALD. LAWRENCE A. KENNEDY.

Alderman Joseph Braun, Jr.

Joseph Braun, Jr., Alderman from the Third Ward, was born in Joliet in 1860, and his education was obtained in the Joliet schools. In 1877 he went into the employ of David Rosenheim, clothier, and in 1884 he became senior partner in the firm of Braun & Raub. In 1893 he engaged in the brewing business with the E. Porter Brewing Company, being at once elected as its secretary and treasurer, a position which he still retains.



ALD. JOSEPH BRAUN, JR.

Mr. Braun was elected Assistant Supervisor for the Town of Joliet in 1889, re-elected in 1891, serving four years on the County Board, and was elected Alderman from the Third Ward in 1895, and returned at the expiration of his term without opposition in 1897. He is a prominent member of the Sharpshooters' Association and has taken many King prizes for his excellent marksmanship in different parts of the country. He is the chairman of the important Council Committees on Claims and Street Lighting, and has done much good work for the City.

Alderman Louis A. Raub.

There are very few men in Joliet to whom the name of Louis A. Raub is not familiar. For three terms he has acted as Alderman from the Third Ward and throughout his connection with the City Council he has been one of the most prominent members in that body. He has done much to bring up the standard of the City's service to its present high grade of efficiency, and the fact that for three years past he has been the chairman of the finance committee, the most important committee of the Council, shows the confidence in his business judgment which is felt by his associates. Mr. Raub is a native of Joliet, having been born in the City in 1860, and has watched the growth of the City most carefully so that he is unusually well fitted to decide what the City needs and what measures would be advantageous to its progress.

Mr. Raub is a most thorough parliamentarian and his "I rise to a point of order" is a familiar sound in the Council chamber. The other aldermen frequently smile when the remark is made but they almost invariably find that "the point is well taken" and are obliged, whether they like it or not, to submit to the ruling in



ALD. LOUIS A. RAUB.

favor of the third warder. Mr. Raub has very positive ideas and is not backward about stating them and he has made some of the most forcible and eloquent speeches heard in the Council. It was due to his action, more than to that of any one else, that the Council was induced to change its foolish and expensive plan of putting down pavements where the underground work was not done.

Mr. Raub is in the clothing business, which he has carried on uninterruptedly since 1883. He at present enjoys a business in this line which compares well with that of any other merchant in the same line in the City. His goods are the best to be obtained, although the prices are by no means the highest, and his business is constantly increasing. At present he carries a stock which fills a store 25x135 feet in dimensions and he enjoys a most enviable reputation for honest goods and honest prices. Mr. Raub is very popular in Joliet and besides being alderman of his ward, a position to which he has three times been elected, he is a member of the Elks and also of the Joliet Sharpshooters.

Alderman Atkinson Harris.

Atkinson Harris, one of the Aldermen for the Fourth Ward of Joliet, is a Canadian by birth. He first saw the light forty-seven years ago in the province of Queen Victoria, but whatever his nationality may have been at his birth he is now a thorough citizen of the United States. In private life he has the cordial respect of all his acquaintances. In business life his associates have considered him competent to manage one of the largest industries in the City, and in public life his term of three years in the Council has been one of which his constituents thoroughly approve.

Alderman Harris came to Joliet eighteen years ago and at once



ALD. ATKINSON HARRIS.

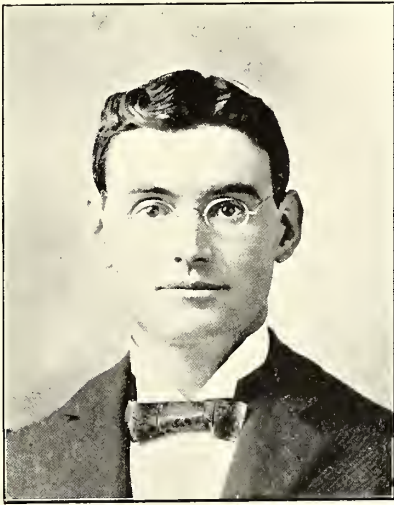
found employment with the tannery. He has remained with the institution ever since and now has the complete charge of the manufacturing part of the business. Mr. Harris is a Republican in politics and for the last three years has been one of the Aldermen from the Fourth Ward. He was elected in 1894 over a strong and popular democrat and two years later, when his term expired, he was returned to the Council.

Of the work of Mr. Harris in the Council it might be sufficient to say that his constituents heartily approve of it. Perhaps his greatest service to the City has been his work as chairman of the committee on schools. Joliet's magnificent school system owes much of efficiency to the conscientious and intelligent work of Alderman Harris, and in the other committees of which he is a member he has always sought the interests of the City.

Mr. Harris was married in Joliet and has an interesting family to which he is most devoted.

Alderman Bernard E. Burke.

Bernard E. Burke, who is serving his first term as Alderman from the Fifth Ward, to which position he was elected in 1896 by the largest majority ever given in the history of the ward elections. Mr. Burke has lived in Joliet, having been



ALD. BERNARD E. BURKE.

born in this City in 1863. His education was received at the Joliet public schools, after leaving which he engaged for a time in the livery business. In 1894 he opened a grocery store and has remained in that business since.

Although he is not one of the "orators" of the Council, Mr. Burke has very decided opinions on municipal affairs and when the occasion arises opposes what he regards as objectionable legislation with all his power. He is extremely popular, both with his constituents and with his associates in the Council, and his quiet opinion on a question often has more weight with the other members of the Council than the fervid oratory of the other members. He has made a most credible record during his incumbency of the position in gaining improvements in his ward.

Alderman Daniel Feely.

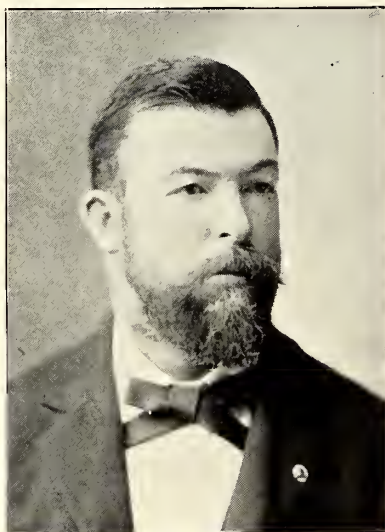
Daniel Feely, who was re-elected Alderman of the Fifth Ward at the last election, is an Illinoisan by birth, having first opened his eyes in the Town of Reed, June 24, 1861. His education was obtained at the country schools, and when he left school he went at once into the butchering business. In 1887 he opened a market of his own at 421 Cass street, and was very successful. Mr. Feely is a thorough-going Democrat and an ardent believer in the doctrines set forth in the platform of his party at the Chicago convention last year. He has for some time been active in local politics and in 1890 was elected Alderman of the First Ward. He later moved into an elegant home in the Fifth Ward, where he was elected Alderman in 1895 and re-elected at the last election. Mr. Feely has the reputation of being one of the most level-headed and honest men in the City Council. His voice is always found against objectionable measures and he is always most careful in voting upon a matter which entails an expenditure of the city's money. He is this year chairman of the very important council committee on public improvements.



ALD. DANIEL FEELY.

Alderman John W. Gray.

John W. Gray, who has represented the Sixth Ward in the Council almost as long as there has been a Sixth Ward to represent, is like most of his associates in that body, a native of the City, having been born here October 27, 1856. Since that time he has resided in the City continuously, during much of it he has been the proprietor of a leading business house and very few men in the City have a better idea of what the City needs or of the best way to set about getting it at the least expense than most of the other members of the body.



ALD. JOHN W. GRAY.

Mr. Gray is at present the chairman of the council committee on water, and in this capacity has done a great deal of good hard work for the City. At present he is receiving the commendation of the entire community for an ordinance which he recently introduced to do away with the blocking of the streets by the railroad companies. Mr. Gray is a Democrat of the most pronounced type and has always been active in the councils of his party.

Samuel C. Rickson.

Samuel C. Rickson, City Clerk of Joliet, is one of the most popular of the public officials of Joliet. He is a man who attends strictly to business, but he always has a pleasant word for every one and is uniformly courteous and affable to those who have occasion to do business at his office. He has three times been elected to the position which he now occupies and has given the very best of satisfaction.

Mr. Rickson was born in Duckinfield, England, October 28, 1864, but was brought to this country by his parents when he was a child. He attended the public schools at Braidwood, where his family lived, until he was fifteen years of age. He afterwards studied law four years and was admitted to the bar in October, 1886.

Mr. Rickson was elected city clerk of Braidwood in 1883, and held that office until 1889, when he removed to Joliet. He was elected City Clerk of Joliet in 1893.

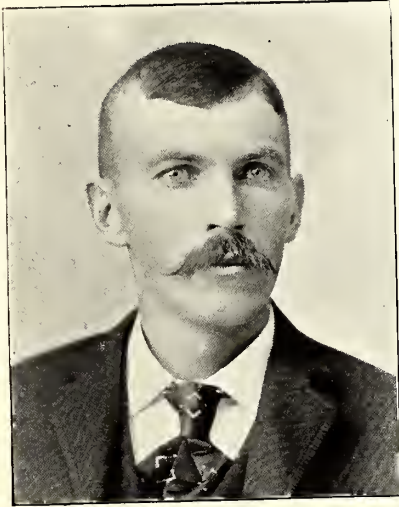
Mr. Rickson is the Grand Chaplain of the State Grand Lodge of the Order of Sons of St. George and is also a member of Joliet Lodge K. of P., Albion Lodge Order Sons of St. George and Stevenson Camp Modern Woodmen.



SAMUEL C. RICKSON,
CITY CLERK.

Frank W. Dewey.

Frank W. Dewey, Superintendent of the Joliet Water Works, has proven himself to be the right man in the right place, for never have the water works been better managed and the supply of water given with less friction than since Mr.



FRANK W. DEWEY,
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS.

Dewey took charge of the works. He was first appointed to the position in 1893, and his efficiency has been so well understood that he has been re-appointed such by the succeeding city administration. He is a thorough engineer and understands perfectly every detail of the machinery.

Mr. Dewey is one of the few city officials who are not natives of Joliet, having been born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1862. He came to Joliet, however, many years ago and has since been prominently connected with several business establishments. In 1884 he went into the employ of the electric company where he remained for three years; he was engineer of the fire department one year and of the water works three years. He was also engineer of the Pontiac Reform School for one year.

George W. Brown.

George W. Brown, the City Engineer of Joliet, is a native of Joliet, having been born here September 23, 1866. His education was obtained at the Joliet public schools and at Park college, and since leaving his studies has been engaged in the profession of a civil engineer.

Mr. Brown's first business connection was with A. J. Matthewson, the veteran surveyor, and his talents in his profession were so evident that he was appointed city engineer two years ago and was re-appointed by the present city administration. Mr. Brown was also city collector and city engineer under Mayor Paige.

Mr. Brown is one of the most popular of the city officials of Joliet, and the excellent quality of his work has been well understood by those who know of such matters. His mistakes have never cost the City or the property owner a cent—a rather remarkable record when it is considered how long he has held his office. Mr. Brown was married a few years ago and has one child. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a most sociable man to meet. He is liked by all who know him and has made an excellent reputation as an engineer.



GEORGE W. BROWN,
CITY ENGINEER.

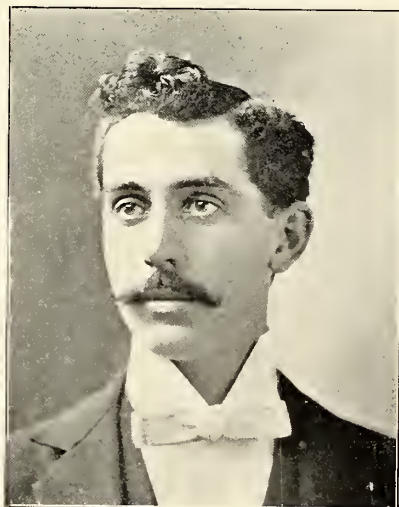
Allen F. Cooper.

Allen F. Cooper, who has been City Weigher for the last three years, was born in New Lenox, Will County, June 3, 1870, and has lived in this County all his life. His education was obtained at the schools in New Lenox, and after graduating from the high school Mr. Cooper was employed as a clerk for four and a half years in the store of G. S. Hilton, of his native village. Since 1892 Mr. Cooper has been in the wholesale and retail coal and feed business, and is at present a dealer in mineral water, also a business which he started in 1896. Mr. Cooper's office is at 200 South Chicago Street, opposite the County Jail, and his business

is a lucrative one.

Mr. Cooper is the treasurer of the Current Topic Club, and has held offices in Matteson Lodge 175, A. F. and A. M., and has for three years been City Weigher.

Mr. Cooper believes that much of his success in life is due to his early training. "My parents being Christian people," he said, "I was instructed early in life to recognize the claims of christianity, for which I am exceedingly grateful to them and I believe that I owe much of my success to the careful and conservative training of home life."



ALLEN F. COOPER,
CITY WEAHER.

John Francis.

Sheriff John Francis was born in New Lenox Township, January 8, 1843. His father, Abraham Francis, had settled in that fertile valley of Hickory creek before the Indians had ceased to roam the prairies.

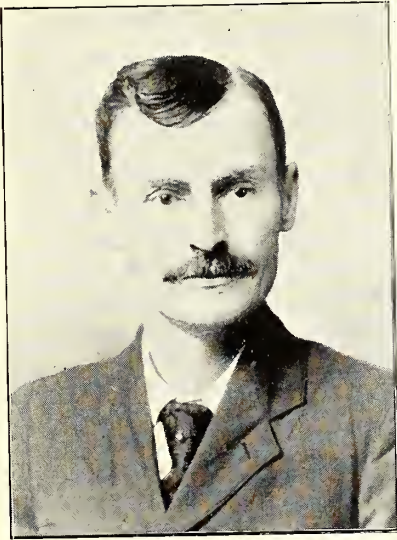
Mr. Francis was married in his native town to Miss H. Maria Bliss, December 21, 1865, and they have three sons and one daughter. Mr. Francis has clung to the business of farming all his life, until elected by an overwhelming majority to the present office in 1894.

For over twenty years, before his election, Mr. Francis represented his township on the County Board of Supervisors. Several times he was honored with the chairmanship of the board, and always filled important positions on committees.

Personally popular in his own town, Mr. Francis has brought that same magnetism with him to the city, and his corner in the court house is one of the most hospitable. He is progressive, liberal-minded and public-spirited, and takes great pride in administering the business of his office in a way to please the best people of the county. In his record on the board he is proud to be named among the builders of the present court house and the improvement of the county farm with its new buildings; and also the administration building, and rejuvenating of the county jail. He is one of the kind of men who is just as popular with democrats as he is with republicans.

Thomas P. Haughton.

Thomas P. Haughton, Chief Deputy Sheriff, was born in Joliet, December 15, 1856, and has resided in the City continuously ever since. His education was obtained at the Joliet public schools and during vacation he attended Professor



THOMAS P. HAUGHTON,
CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Russell's business college for a number of terms. After leaving school he was employed in the rolling mills for a number of years, and was nominated on the democratic ticket for the office of assistant supervisor in 1881, being the only democrat who was elected on the entire ticket. In the spring of 1882 he was nominated by the democrats again for supervisor and after a most exciting campaign was defeated by his opponent, J. D. Paige, by a majority of 53. It was considered that he made a most remarkable run. In 1882, Mr. Haughton was appointed chief deputy by sheriff Reitz, served four years, and for two years as a member of the police department under Mayor J. D. Paige. When Thomas Hennebry was elected sheriff Mr. Haughton was again appointed chief deputy, and when the present sheriff, Mr. Francis, was elected, he was re-appointed. Mr. Haughton was married in 1883.

Charles A. Noble.

Charles A. Noble, the first and present Recorder of Will County, is perhaps as popular as any public official in the City. His work has always been done in a most careful manner and the courtesy and urbanity with which those who have business with him are received, have made him unusually well liked.

Mr. Noble is a native of Will County, having been born in Wilmington. He came to this City from Wilmington when not yet out of his teens, and went into the real estate office of L. E. Ingalls as bookkeeper and conveyancer. He was a fine penman and soon made a reputation for careful and accurate work. From Mr. Ingalls' office he went into the office of the Circuit Clerk where he accepted the position of chief deputy under Henry R. Pohl. When the population of the County became 60,000, and it was necessary, under the law, to divide the work of the Circuit Clerk and Recorder, the people very naturally turned to Mr. Noble as the most available man for Recorder and elected him by a nice majority in the hotly con-



CHARLES A. NOBLE,
COUNTY RECORDER.

tested election of 1892. His personal popularity was emphasized by the fact that in that contest he ran ahead of the Republican national and state tickets in every precinct in Joliet and in a number of the other towns in the county. Mr. Noble was re-elected in 1896 by a much larger majority and now holds the office.

His long service in a private real estate office and in connection with the courts and public records has given him a valuable experience and his judgment and advice is largely sought, especially in real estate matters.

Mr. Noble is prominent in the Masonic fraternity in which he organized a relief society, named in his honor the Noble Masonic Relief Society. He is also active in hospital work; being president of the Silver Cross Hospital. He is a director of the Business Men's Association and of the Joliet Relief Society, and for a number of years was one of the chief workers in the Union Club of which he was president for several years.

William F. Hutchinson.

William F. Hutchinson, who is serving his first term as County Clerk, was elected to the position in 1894, being the regular Republican candidate. Previous to his election, Mr. Hutchinson had been deputy clerk under H. H. Stassen and his familiarity with the requirements of the office acquired during that time has proven of great service to him. Naturally methodical, Mr. Hutchinson has seen to it that every detail of his duties has been taken care of in good shape and has proven a model official.

Mr. Hutchinson was born in the shadow of the White Mountains, at Dalton, N. H., April 1, 1833. He received his education in the common schools of



WILLIAM F. HUTCHINSON,
COUNTY CLERK.

his native state and attended St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont. In 1855 he came west as an agent for the Fairbank's Scale Company and subsequently became principal of the schools at Monee, a position which he retained for seven years. He was town clerk and treasurer of Monee thirteen years.

Mrs. Hutchinson, to whom he was married in 1856, at Batavia, O., died in the summer of the present year.

William H. Nevens.

William H. Nevens, who enjoys the distinction of being the only person who has three times in succession been elected to an office in Will County, is the County Superintendent of Schools, a position which he has held continuously since 1886. The public schools, under his supervision, have made marked progress, due to the careful, judicial and persistent attention to the details of his office. His entire service to the public has been of a clean and satisfactory

kind and it is therefore a matter of no surprise that he received the largest number of votes given to any candidate on his ticket when he last ran for office.



WILLIAM H. NEVENS,
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Mr. Nevens was born March 9, 1845, at Lewiston, Me., and attended Bates' College in that city, teaching school in the winters to pay his way. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company D, 32nd Maine Infantry, and was in many of the hottest battles fought by the Army of the Potomac. He was severely wounded at Cold Harbor in 1864 and was given a hospital discharge from the service. After the war he taught school in Will County for two years, and for fourteen years preceding his first election to office in 1886 he taught school in Crete. Only twice in this period has Mr. Nevens been out of Will County for any length of time. He was taken with the gold fever and spent a short time at the Black Hills and afterwards taught school in Cook County for one year. Mr. Nevens is a conscientious and earnest worker for the schools.

Fred M. Muhlig.

Fred M. Muhlig, the efficient Assistant County Superintendent of Schools, was born at Chicago, January 26, 1862, and came with his parents to Will County two years later. He attended the village school at Elwood and after completing the course there attended Lake Forest Academy. Since graduation he has been engaged in school work continuously and successfully. Mr. Muhlig began teaching in 1879 and taught in Jackson, Manhattan and Joliet, and was Superintendent of Schools in District 2, Braidwood, for five years, resigning in 1892 to accept his present position.

Mr. Muhlig is a Free Mason, has held various elective offices in his lodge and has represented it at the grand lodge of Illinois. He is also a member and officer of the Modern Woodmen.

Through Mr. Muhlig's efforts a station of the United States Weather Bureau was established here and he has been the local observer for the last four years. He took an active part in the recent presidential campaign and succeeded in organizing the McKinley Bicycle Club of 250 members. He is an enthusiastic archaeologist and has made a specialty of Indian relics of which he owns a valuable collection.



FRED M. MUHLIG,
ASST. CO. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

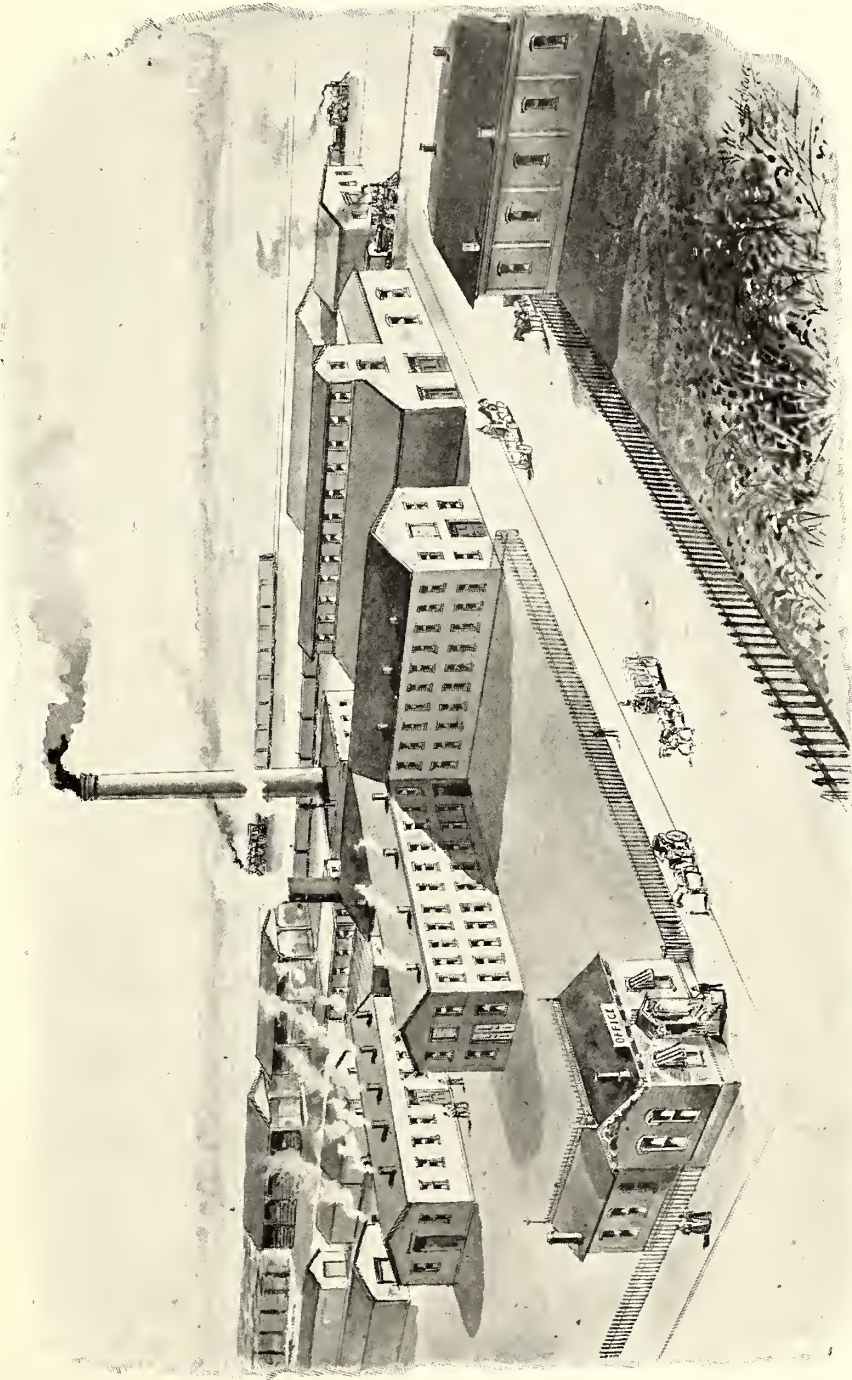
The E. Porter Brewing Company.

The oldest and largest in point of annual sales of the Joliet Breweries is that of the E. Porter Brewing Company which was established in 1859 with a capacity of 1000 barrels a year. The business of the Company has gradually and steadily grown since that time until the previous year, the sales for 1896 amounting to more than 30,000 barrels. The beer of the Company is as fine an article as is manufactured in this country, and doubtless if the industry were in a city like Chicago the sales would have reached hundreds of thousands of barrels annually, for the beer gives the best of satisfaction everywhere it is sold. The water is secured from two artesian wells and is said to be especially adapted for brewing. Mr. Braun, of the Company, says that it would be impossible to get better water anywhere and this seems to be the opinion of most experts.



THE E. PORTER BREWING COMPANY.

This Company brews Lager Beer, Ale and London Porter. The Lager Beer which is known as the Weiner Beer, is sold in Joliet and surrounding towns. The Ale and Porter is shipped as far west as Des Moines, Iowa, and intermediate points. Chemical tests by expert analytical chemists have frequently shown that the beer is perfectly pure and that it compares favorably in quality with any manufactured. Mr. E. Porter, from whom the brewery takes its name, and who has been connected with the business since its inception, is not only a practical brewer, but is a well-known and experienced financier. He is a perfectly unassuming gentleman although he has been highly honored, having been elected Mayor of Joliet three times. His business ventures have been uniformly successful, the brewery being only one of his many interests.



PLANT OF THE JOLIET MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The Joliet Manufacturing Company.

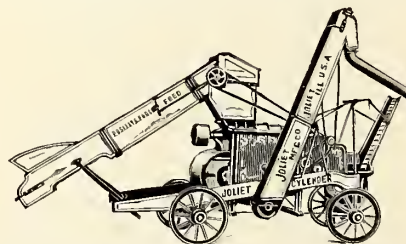
This Manufactory makes a specialty of the manufacture of self-feeding corn shellers, and is one of the largest and the only exclusive concern in the country engaged in this line of work. The product of its factory is sold throughout the United States, Mexico, and in fact in all parts of the world where corn is cultivated to any large extent. The latest and most successful machine turned out by



A. H. SHREFFLER,
LATE PRES. JOLIET MANUFACTURING CO.

the Company has been in the market about two years and is known as the Joliet Cylinder Corn Sheller. It is manufactured, on scientific principles, of the best material and workmanship, has a capacity of from 400 to 800 bushels per hour, and is said to be the best and most economical sheller ever manufactured. They also manufacture the well-known Eureka, Shreffler's Ironsides and Rural self-feeding corn shellers, which machines have capacities varying from 50 to 500 bushels per hour. They also manufacture horse-powers of all sizes, from 1 to 10 horse. The business of which this large manufactory is the outgrowth, was started in 1851 at Plainfield, and moved to Joliet in 1863. The Company was incorporated in 1867 under its present name.

Their large plant, an engraving of which we print herewith, covers five acres of ground and gives employment to about seventy-five skilled mechanics. The Company is represented by jobbers in various parts of the country, and has distributing agents in Omaha, Kansas City, Hutchinson, St. Louis, Bloomington, Peoria, and Eastern Maryland, and agencies throughout the United States. The late president of this Company, Mr. A. H. Shreffler, who died but recently, was one of the pioneer manufacturers of Will County. He has been interested in the works since their first organization. The present officers of the Company are: Mary E. S. Witwer, president and treasurer; C. S. Witwer, vice-president and general manager; Joseph F. Perry, secretary. The world-wide reputation attained by the Joliet Manufacturing Company, by reason of the superior quality of its product, is too well known to require comment here. Catalogues and other information will be cheerfully sent upon application to those interested.



The Company is one of the first of the incorporated manufacturing concerns chartered in Joliet, as it is also one of the most successful. They have been singularly fortunate in the manufactures which they have taken up, and as the years go on the business continues to grow. The Joliet Manufacturing Company is a concern of which the City has good reason to be proud in every way. Its goods are honest; the employes of the Company, especially those at the head of the concern, are the best of citizens and the plant is a credit to the City in every way.



FRED SEHRING BREWING COMPANY.



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RESIDENCE OF MRS. FRED SEHRING.



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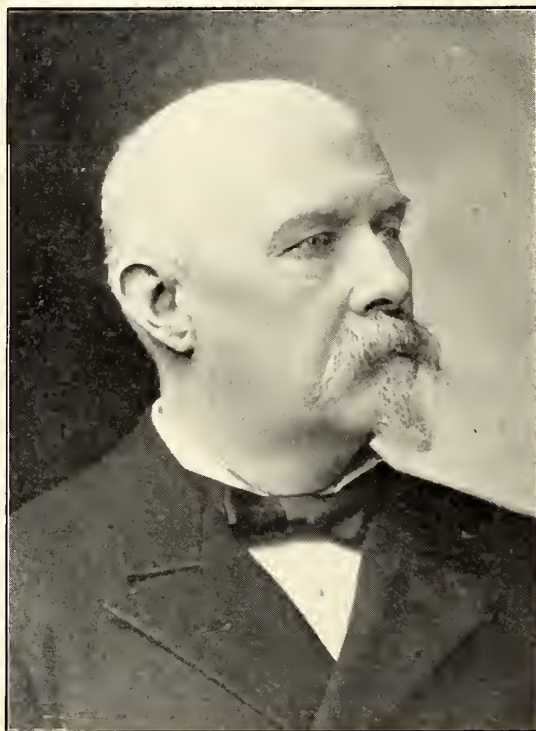
RESIDENCE OF HENRY SEHRING.

Judge Dorrance Dibell.

Dorrance Dibbell is directly descended from the families of Baldwin, Lord, King, Ward, Strong and Waite, who lived in Connecticut and Massachusetts prior to 1800. On his father's side he is the fifth in descent from John Dibell, who was born in Connecticut in 1702 and who died at Mount Washington, Massachusetts, August 1, 1773. The ancestors of John Dibell are said to have come to Massachusetts from England about the year 1635, and to have soon after settled in Connecticut.

On his mother's side, Judge Dibbell is the eight in descent from William Ward, who in 1639 was living with a second wife and five children at Sudbury, Massachusetts, when the proprietors of that plantation made a first division of their lands in which he shared. Tradition says he was born in England.

Dorrance Dibbell was born February 16, 1844, at Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. He is a son of Rev. Jonathan Baldwin Dibell, of Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, and Louisa (Ward) Dibell, of Ellington, Tolland County, Connecticut. His father was a Baptist minister. In 1850 his parents removed from Ohio to Will Co., Ills., where they lived almost continuously until his father's death, September 10, 1881.



JUDGE DORRANCE DIBELL.

Mr. Dibell married Sarah M., oldest daughter of Hon. Henry Snapp, at Joliet, August 29, 1872, and they have one child, Charles Dorrance Dibell, a graduate of the University of Chicago, and now a student of the law.

Judge Dibell, as he is now familiarly called, was but six years old when his parents settled in the Prairie state, and he grew to manhood on his father's farm in New Lenox Township, attending the public school in boyhood, and subsequently prosecuting his studies in Chicago University for about four years. After beginning his studies at the University he was a teacher in the public schools, then returned to the University and afterwards was employed as a telegraph operator at Racine, Wisconsin, and at Wheatland and DeWitt, Iowa. During that time he studied law without an instructor in Racine and on his father's farm in Will County. While still engaged as a telegraph operator, he studied law with Hon. John C. Folley, at DeWitt, Iowa, and then having determined to make that profession his business in

life he abandoned telegraph operating, came to Joliet and resumed the study of law with Goodspeed, Snapp & Knox of Joliet. In 1869 he entered the law office of Parks & Hill as a law student and clerk at a small salary, barely sufficient with rigid economy to supply the necessities of life. August 23, 1870, he was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of this State. During his brief period of his novitiate with the firm of Parks & Hill, he made himself so useful to the members of that firm and gave such promise of future usefulness and ability as a lawyer, that he was at once offered a partnership with the junior member of the firm which he accepted. The new firm of Hill & Dibell was organized in September 1870, and continued without interruption, and with a constantly increasing business and reputation for a period of more than fifteen years, and until dissolved in November, 1885, because of the election of Mr. Dibell, November 3, 1885, to the bench as Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

During this time Mr. Dibell was for some years a member of the City Council of Joliet, carrying to that work with the same fidelity of trust and earnestness that has characterized him as a lawyer. He was in the Council when the change was made from the old special charter to the incorporation under the general incorporation law of the State, and was influential in making that and other changes in the City Government and it is safe to say that from first to last during his service in the Council the public good was his first consideration. No suggestion of corruption, or even of unfairness was ever made against him either as a lawyer, a councilman or as a judge. This is high praise but it is, nevertheless, strictly true. A life-long Republican, thoroughly schooled in the platforms and principles of that party, he was, nevertheless, always and first a patriot, commending alike the respect of his opponents and the admiration of his friends; and when, in 1885, the death of Judge McRoberts created a vacancy on the bench, many eyes were turned to Judge Dibell to fill the place. His partner, Mr. Hill, realizing from long association his peculiar fitness for the position, was among the first to suggest it and to urge it upon him, but Judge Dibell is as modest as he is strong and judicial, and being at that time a comparatively young man, at first declined to consider it. A convention was called and he was nominated for the position to which he was elected.

In 1891, Judge Dibell was, by a largely increased majority, re-elected for a second term of six years, and in 1897 was re-elected a second time, serving his twelfth year on the circuit bench. He was still further honored by being chosen as one of the Appellate Judges by the Supreme Court of the State in 1897. If life and health are spared, a still broader field of usefulness awaits him. He has a host of influential friends and admirers who stand ready to push him on to higher honors.

Judge Albert O. Marshall.

Albert O. Marshall, County Judge, has for many years been one of the leaders of the Will County bar and in his present capacity has given as nearly universal satisfaction as it is possible for a public officer to give. His mind is eminently judicial and he never makes one of those at sight judgments for which

other judges have had so much reason to be sorry for after they fully understood the facts in the case. Elected seven years ago as Chairman of the School Board of Joliet, his work in that capacity at once commended itself to the people and when in 1894, he became a candidate for the office which he now holds, few were surprised at the fact that he was elected, although his opponent was a man universally respected and unusually popular—a strong candidate.

Judge Marshall is the possessor of an unusually good education and is widely informed upon all subjects of general interest, but it is in his profession that he takes his delight and in which he particularly excels.

If there is one thing above another of which Judge Marshall has been proud, it is the progress made in the schools of Joliet since he has been at the head of the Board of Inspectors. They have not only been largely increased in size and numbers, but in efficiency as well, and today rank favorably with any in the State.

In private life the judge is a genial gentleman who, even when greatly pressed for time, has the time to treat every one with the utmost courtesy.

Judge Benjamin Olin.

Judge Benjamin Olin, who has for many years been one of the conspicuous figures of the Joliet bar, is a New Yorker by birth and was born in Alleghany County, in 1838. With his mother he moved west when he was quite young, at first settling in LaSalle County, but afterwards making Kendall County his home. He received his early education in the public and private schools, and afterwards became a student at Beloit College for a time. With a natural taste for the law, he entered the office of Gray & Bushnell, prominent lawyers of Ottawa.

In April, 1861, Mr. Olin was elected first lieutenant of Company K, 20th Illinois Volunteers, but was afterwards compelled to resign on account of ill-health. When his health was regained he reviewed his law studies with Mather, Taft & Bates, of Chicago, and was admitted to the bar in 1862. He subsequently began practice at Morris, being in partnership with P. A. Armstrong. He came to Joliet in 1870. Shortly after the Judge came to Joliet he entered into partnership with Captain Egbert Phelps, which continued until he was elected County Judge in 1873. He was re-elected in 1877 and again in 1890. He is now engaged in the practice of the law. Judge Olin has been a most public spirited man in Joliet and has done much for the City in various ways. He was married in 1865 to Miss Julia A. Schaubert, of Schenectady, New York.

Patrick C. Haley.

Among the members of the Joliet bar there is none whose reputation as a lawyer is more widely extended and more deservedly excellent than Patrick C. Haley, of the firm of Haley & O'Donnell. For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Haley has practiced law continuously in Joliet and he has achieved a reputation for legal acumen and for straight forward dealing which is most enviable. The firm of which he is a member enjoys one of the largest practices in Joliet, and large as is its business it is constantly on the increase.

Mr. Haley is a native of New York State, having been born in Saranac, Clinton County, March 17, 1849. He was the son of Thomas Haley and Hannah (Caton) Haley and when he was two years of age his parents came west and settled in Will County. His early education was the best that could be obtained. After completing the course in the public and high schools of Joliet he entered the private academy of J. L. Frohock, and after leaving that institution took the full law course in the University of Michigan, graduating from that institution in 1871. Mr. Haley had been admitted to the Illinois bar the year before his graduation from the University and formed a partnership for the practice of law immediately after receiving his diploma, the other member of the firm being James R. Flanders. This partnership was dissolved the next year and Mr. Haley practiced alone until 1874 when he became the senior member of the firm of Haley & O'Donnell.

Mr. Haley's legal business has been most successful. He is a profound student, a clear thinker and a convincing orator. The firm of which he is a member are the local attorneys for the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern; the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe

was also, for two terms, a member of the State Central Committee of the Democrats of the State, and Democratic candidate for Congress in 1882 and 1884 in the old Eighth District, changing a Republican majority of over 5,000 to a plurality of 78. Mr. Haley was married December 1, 1875 to Miss Mary A. D'Arcy. They have eight children, Margaret C., Robert E., Raymond A., Marian C., Edna M., Genevieve, Paul C. and Mary Angela Haley.



PATRICK C. HALEY.

and the Michigan Central Railroads, and also for the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Mr. Haley has always been interested in politics and his fellow citizens have several times honored him with elective offices. He has been an alderman of Joliet for twelve years, was City Attorney for one term and was Mayor for one term, and Chairman of the Will County Democratic Central Committee. He

James L. O'Donnell.

An honest and able lawyer, an upright and public spirited citizen, a great hearted and generous man, James L. O'Donnell, of the law firm of Haley & O'Donnell, enjoys a reputation and a popularity in Joliet of which any man might

well be proud. Since 1874 he has practiced law continuously in the City and at present enjoys, with his partner, an extensive and lucrative practice.

Mr. O'Donnell was born in Dayton, LaSalle County, August 10, 1849, and has always been a resident of Illinois. His father, William O'Donnell, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, was a man of quiet habits who took little active part in political affairs but was a wealthy stock raiser and farmer. He was married in 1847 to Hannah Keating and James L. O'Donnell was one of twelve children who was born to them, of whom nine are still living.

Mr. O'Donnell's early education was obtained through the medium of the district schools of his native county and after finishing the courses of study which they put before him, the young man, who already showed great promise of becoming an apt student, was sent to the University of Niagara, New York. At the conclusion of his course there he went into the law offices of Glover, Cook & Campbell, of Ottawa, and afterwards read law under the direction of Mayo & Widmer. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1874. April 5th, 1874, he came to



JAMES L. O'DONNELL.

Braidwood, Will County, and opened a law office and remained there during the great coal miners' strike of that year; and on July 29 of the same year, formed a partnership with Mr. Haley, which has continued uninterrupted ever since. The firm enjoys a most enviable and high class practice, being the attorneys for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Elgin, Joliet & Eastern; Michigan Central and Wabash Railroads

and also for the Sanitary District of Chicago. In politics Mr. O'Donnell is a Democrat. He has never held public office, although he was the nominee of his party for State's Attorney in 1880 and made a good race. Although much interested in all public affairs, most of his time is given to the duties of his profession and to his family.

Mr. O'Donnell was married in September, 1877, to Miss Costelle E. Edgerly, the daughter of Lorrin and Sarah Edgerly, who were natives of Maine. Mrs. O'Donnell was born in Penobscot County, Maine, and came to Joliet in 1876 with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell have three children, Edith, Louise and Francis.

Coll McNaughton.

Coll McNaughton, City Attorney of Joliet, was first elected to the position which he now holds in 1895, and was subsequently re-elected to the office in the spring election of 1897, receiving a large majority. He has fulfilled the arduous duties of the office in a manner most satisfactory to his supporters.

Coll McNaughton was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, August 11, 1860 and was educated in the public schools of his native town. When Coll was eighteen years of age his father emigrated to America and settled in Chatham, Ontario. Two years later the subject of this sketch came to Illinois and taught school in Kendall County from 1880 to 1885 with good success. During this time he applied every spare moment to the study of law, and in the spring of 1885 he entered the office of Flanders

& Shutts, at Joliet. He was admitted to the bar two years later and has practiced law continuously since that time except for a space of two years when he filled the position of deputy postmaster of Joliet. He is now and has for several years been a member of the firm of Donahoe & McNaughton, and the conscientious work of these two gentlemen has built up one of the finest practices in Will County. Mr. Mc-



COLL McNAUGHTON.

ret and fraternal societies have been marked with the same degree of confidence bestowed upon him by the people at large. He is among the best known members of the Masonic Fraternity, having belonged to that society since 1890, and to the Knights Templar since 1892. He filled the office of junior warden in the commandery during 1885, and is now the senior warden of Matteson Lodge No. 175, A. F. & A. M. Mr. McNaughton is of a resourceful nature and in all his practice has shown the skill, tact, patience and endurance necessary in the make-up of a good lawyer.

Naughton was Supervisor of the Town of Joliet in 1891 and in both political and social circles of Joliet has occupied a prominent part. In all the campaigns, ward, city, town, county, state and national, Mr. McNaughton has been one of the most vigorous advocates of Democracy and has done most effective work. He is regarded as one of the shrewdest of party leaders and his advice is always sought. His association with the sec-

John T. Donahoe.

One of the most successful, and at the same time one of the most popular lawyers in Joliet, is John T. Donahoe, the senior partner in the firm of Donahoe

& McNaughton, with offices in the Barber Building. It is not alone Mr. Donahoe's professional skill which is responsible for the lucrative practice which he enjoys, but he is socially such a man that he makes friends wherever he goes.



JOHN T. DONAHOE.

He is an excellent barrister, being considered one of the finest speakers in the Joliet bar and his office business is large and his legal opinions highly valued.

Mr. Donahoe is a native of Joliet, having been born in the City, October 15, 1855, his father, Timothy Donahoe, and his mother's maiden name being Mary Williams. He received his early education at the Joliet public schools and afterwards entered a law office where he developed an unusual adeptibility for his profession and was admitted to practice May 25, 1885. Since that time he has been associated with the best lawyers and is at present in partnership with City Attorney McNaughton. Mr. Donahoe is a Democrat in politics and has served two terms as Alderman and one term as County Treasurer of Will County.

Mr. Donahoe was married October 31, 1876 to Mary E. Dyer, and the couple have five living children. He is a prominent member of the local Lodge of Elks, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

John W. D'Arcy.

John W. D'Arcy, at present one of the Aldermen from the Fourth Ward, is one of the most widely known and most highly respected members of the Joliet bar. During a practice in the City, which embraces a period of something over a decade, he has established a reputation for eloquence at the bar, for care in giving legal opinions and for thorough honesty and strenuousness of purpose of which any lawyer might well be proud. This reputation has brought to him an extensive practice and he is recognized by all lawyers as a most dangerous opponent to meet in debate.

Mr. D'Arcy is a native of Joliet, having been born in this city April 22, 1860. His father's name was John D'Arcy and that of his mother was Margaret (Walsh) D'Arcy.

Mr. D'Arcy's early education was obtained at the Joliet public schools and after leaving them he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, graduating from that institution in the class of 1884. After his



JOHN W. D'ARCY.

graduation Mr. D'Arcy at once returned to Joliet and opened a law office. He has been in continuous practice here since that time. In 1893 Mr. D'Arcy was elected City Attorney of Joliet and served in that capacity until 1895. He is at present one of the Alderman from the Fourth Ward of the City. Mr. D'Arcy's practice has been extensive in both civil and criminal branches of the law. He was the attorney for the defendants in the famous Shanhacker murder case in 1891 and secured the discharge of his clients.

Mr. D'Arcy was married November 22, 1888, to Miss Carrie Shields of Wilmington. They have three children, Irene, Mabel and Helen.

Royal E. Barber.

Royal E. Barber, the subject of this sketch is one of the earliest pioneers of Joliet, as well as one of its most prominent citizens. He came with his father to Illinois in 1833, and in 1845 they came to Joliet where Mr. Barber has since resided. Mr. Barber commenced life as a farmer but took a liking for the law, being admitted to the bar in 1847. Until 1870 he practiced single handed but since that time has been in a number of co-partnerships, in 1852 Mr. Barber was elected Circuit Clerk, and in 1857-60 he compiled the first set of abstract books of the County. He was elected Mayor of Joliet in 1876, serving two years with distinction, and for nine years he held the office of School Inspector but since that time has held no public office. Mr. Barber still continues active business, and together with his son, carries on the old abstract books at his office in the block which bears his name.

John W. Downey.

John W. Downey, attorney at law, is one of the most prominent of the legal fraternity of Joliet, and is also a politician of great influence and popularity. Mr. Downey, although less than forty years of age, is recognized as among the most skillful members of his profession in Joliet and enjoys a lucrative practice. He is a democrat in political affiliations and has taken a most prominent part in the councils of the party in Joliet and Will County. When in a political campaign he has the reputation of "never knowing when he is licked" and has conducted some of the most remarkable canvasses which have ever been made in the City.

Mr. Downey's name first came into prominence when, in April, 1887, he was nominated for City Attorney by his party. Although a young and comparatively inexperienced attorney at the time, Mr. Downey made a campaign which stamped him as a man of great ability and resource. He was not elected but the gallant fight which he put up attracted public attention to him and at the next City election he was elected to the position and was re-elected in 1891. He made a most enviable record during his tenure of the office and has been one of the party's most valued counselors ever since.

John W. Downey, whose parents were John Downey and Mary O'Halloran Downey, is a native of Grundy County, having been born in Norman Township April 3, 1860. His early education was obtained at the Northern Indiana Normal School, at Valparaiso, Ind., and schools of his native County. After leaving

the Normal school he taught school for five years in Grundy County. During a portion of this time, Judge Carter, the present County Judge of Cook County, was the superintendent of schools and Mr. Downey holds a first grade certificate signed by him as superintendent.

When 25 years of age Mr. Downey concluded to study law and went into the office of Haley & O'Donnell of Joliet. For some years Mr. Downey remained with the firm under whose direction his legal education had been obtained and in 1890 he formed a co-partnership with Morrill Sprague of the Joliet bar. This partnership was dissolved in 1891 and on June 1, 1894, he formed a partnership with Enishia Meers. In the spring of the present year this partnership too was dissolved and Mr. Downey is now practicing without any professional associate.

He was married September 10, 1890, to Frances Kavanaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kavanaugh, of Joliet, and three children have come to make the home happy. They are Marie Lucile Downey, John Harold Downey and Arthur Joseph Downey.



JOHN W. DOWNEY.

Mr. Downey is extremely popular in social circles of Joliet and is one of the leading members of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also enrolled upon the lists of Camp Palmer, of Modern Woodmen, also of Joliet.

William DeZeng Heise.

William D. Heise, State's Attorney of Will County, is the youngest man who has ever filled the position having been elected when he was but 27 years of age. He is a native of Joliet, where he was born July 14, 1869, and was a son of Dr. A. W. Heise who was one of the best known of the older settlers of the County. Mr. Heise received his early education at the Joliet public schools and subsequently went to the Morgan Park Military Academy and the University of Michigan. He graduated from the Ann Arbor law school in 1888 and was admitted to the bar in Illinois on reaching the age of 21.

Since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of law in this County, and is at present a member of the firm of Fithian & Heise. He was nominated for State's Attorney by the Republicans last year and was elected in the November election by a large majority. His conduct of the affairs of this responsible office has marked him as a lawyer of unusual ability and as a public

official who believes that a public office is a public trust. He has succeeded admirably in securing convictions in contested cases, and has done excellent work in every way. Outside of his official capacity Mr. Heise has a large law business and is already regarded as one of the strong men of the Joliet bar. He is unmarried.



WILLIAM D. HEISE.

He is the senior partner of Fithian & Heise, the other member of the firm being the State's Attorney of Will County. Mr. Fithian is an able lawyer and enjoys a lucrative practice.

During the years 1862 and 1863 Mr. Fithian was connected with the sanitary department of the army, being credited to the Fifth Illinois Cavalry although he was never mustered as a soldier. He is a member of the Stone City Union Club and also to the several Masonic organizations of the city.

Mr. Fithian was married January 22, 1878, to Edna C. Whitaker at Carlinville, Ill. They have one daughter, L. Clara Fithian.

Geo. J. Cowing.

Geo. J. Cowing, of the law firm of Cowing & Young, is a native of Will County, having been born in Peotone, March 25, 1859. His early education was obtained in the district schools of his native town and was given a teacher's certificate when he was seventeen years of age and began teaching in the schools of Peotone. He afterwards took a two year's course of private tutoring preparatory to entering the Northwestern University in 1880, but his devotion to his work there was too great and he was compelled to go for his health to Colorado where he spent a year and a half. Returning completely restored in health he entered the

John B. Fithian.

John B. Fithian, the senior member of the well known law firm of Fithian & Heise, with offices in the Barber Building, is a New Yorker by birth, having been born in Livingston County. He attended the public schools until he reached the age of twelve years, and since that time pursued a course of self education. He read law with Hon. C. B. Garnsey and began practice in Joliet in October, 1876. He had come to the city nearly four years earlier and had been connected with the



JOHN B. FITHIAN.

Ann Arbor law school in 1882, graduating from the school in 1884. The following year he commenced the practice of law in the office of Olin & Phelps, and in 1887 went into partnership with John B. Fithian and remained with him for two



GEO. J. COWING.

years. In 1889 when the firm of Olin & Phelps was dissolved, Mr. Cowing went into partnership with Judge Olin, where he remained until his partner was elected County Judge. In 1892 the firm of Cowing & Young was formed. In his general practice he has met with flattering success.

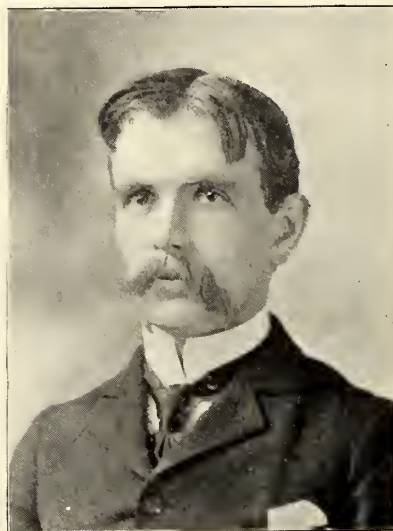
Mr. Cowing was married July 2, 1890, to Miss Stella Titsworth, of Aurora, a former teacher in the Joliet schools.

George W. Young.

George Warner Young, of the firm of Cowing & Young, is a native of Will County, having been born March 25, 1866, at Manhattan. He is the son of Edward Young and Annie E. (Hoyt) Young and his grandfather,

John Young, was one of the oldest settlers and most prominent men of Will County. Mr. Young's early education was received from his grandfather and private teachers and at the Joliet public schools. From 1883 to 1885 he worked on the Joliet Republic and Sun, then owned by Maj. R. M. Woods, and then attended Columbia College Law School and Columbia College School of Political Science in New York City, graduating in 1887 with the degree of L. L. B. *cum laude*. In the summer of the same year he was admitted to the bar of Illinois. After which he entered the office of Olin & Phelps, of Joliet, and remained there until 1889. From 1889 to 1892 he practiced law alone and since that time he has been associated with George J. Cowing, under the firm name of Cowing & Young, the firm holding a high position at the local bar.

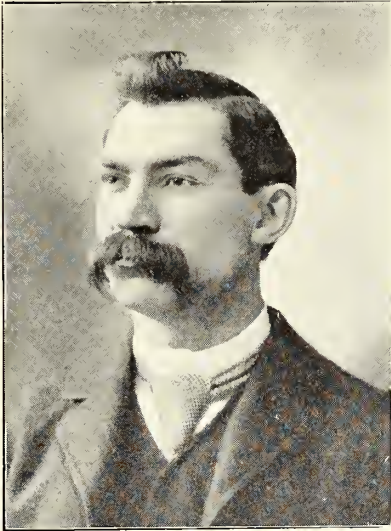
Mr. Young is universally esteemed, both as a lawyer and a citizen. With undoubted professional skill and exceptional education in his chosen work, he combines perfect geniality and unquestioned integrity. He is popular both among professional and social acquaintances. He is an active republican in politics but has never been a candidate for political office. In the spring of 1897 he was nominated for City Attorney in the republican city convention but declined the same, preferring to devote his energies to private business.



GEO. W. YOUNG.

Caleb E. Antram.

C. E. Antram, of the Joliet bar, is looked upon as one of the most successful and skillful lawyers in the city. Although he has practiced his profession in Joliet less than a decade, he already enjoys a large practice and a most enviable



CALEB E. ANTRAM.

reputation as a legal advisor. Mr. Antram, who is the oldest son of Robert M. and Sarah Woodward Antram, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in New Salem, Fayette County, February 12, 1865. When he was four years of age his parents removed to Illinois and settled on a farm near Grand Ridge, La Salle County, where they have since lived. On this farm Mr. Antram spent the early part of his life in acquiring that firm foundation of a man's success—good health, habits of economy, perseverance and untiring industry.

With only such elementary training as could be gained by hard work on the farm in summer and the district school for four months each winter, he entered Lincoln University in the fall of 1883, and in the winter of the year following attended the Northern Indiana Normal School, Valparaiso, Ind. The following year we find him teaching the same district school in which, but a few years before, he had been a pupil. In 1887 he entered Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science two years later. In 1890 Mr. Antram entered the Union College of Law in Chicago—now the law department of the Northwestern University—and was graduated from that institution in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar June 9th of the same year by the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Mr. Antram came to Joliet September 1, 1891 and has since devoted his best energies to building up a practice in his chosen profession. Mr. Antram is a member of Booth Chapter of Phi Delta Phi; of the the Knox College Club of Chicago; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of numerous social and benovolent organizations of Joliet.

Eneshia Meers.

Eneshia Meers, senior partner of the firm of Meers & Barr, with offices in the Young Building, is one of the best known and most successful



ENESHIA MEERS.

of the members of the Joliet bar. He was born in New Jersey 42 years ago, and received his early education in the public schools of his native state, and afterwards attended Seton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey, taking the classical course. He graduated in law at the University of Michigan in the class of 1876 and in the following year commenced the practice of law in Joliet. In 1879 he was elected City Attorney and held the position for two terms.

Mr. Meers was married in St. Louis, June 5, 1894, to Annie Scott. He is popular socially and is a member of several local clubs. He has always been regarded as an excellent lawyer and enjoys a good practice.

Daniel F. Higgins.

Daniel F. Higgins, one of the prominent members of the bar of Will County, was born in DuPage Township, Will County, and spent the early years of his life in that section. At the age of fifteen years he enlisted, March 1, 1865, in Company C, rooth Illinois Volunteers and served with it until that famous organization was mustered out of office, and was then transferred to the 51st Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After leaving the army he attended the Northwestern College and graduated therefrom in 1874; was then for two years principal of schools at Downer's Grove in DuPage County; he then read law with Judge Cody, of Naperville, and afterwards with the firm of Hager & Flanders, of Joliet, and was admitted to the bar in 1879. In 1884 he received the republican nomination for State's Attorney and after an exciting campaign he was elected, serving with great credit to himself and the party of which he was the representative. He has since served the public in positions of trust and is now a member of the Board of Education of Joliet.

Mr. Higgins is a most enthusiastic republican and has long been prominent in the councils of his party in this County and State. His profession has, however, at no time been neglected and he enjoys an excellent practice. Several years ago he entered into a co-partnership with Edward C. Akin, now the Attorney General of Illinois, and last year two more gentlemen, Messrs. Walter and Vinson, were added to the firm.

Mr. Higgins enjoys the esteem and good will of a very large clientage in Joliet and is liked and respected in both private and professional life. Mr. Higgins is married and has a large family of children.

Fred W. Walter.

Fred W. Walter, of the law firm of Higgins & Walter, is one of the rising young attorneys of Joliet. He was born August 27, 1870, at Lockport, his parents being M. Walter and Margaret (Pitts) Walter. In his youth he attended the Lockport public schools and after graduating from there in 1888 took a special classical course at Oberlin College, Ohio, for the next two years. He spent the year 1890-91 with Higgins and Akin, at Joliet, studying law and then took a full law course at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, graduating in 1893 with the degree of L. L. B. Upon his return from college Mr. Walter began practicing

law in October, 1893, with offices in the Barber Building and continued until May, 1896, when he became a member of the firm of Higgins, Akin, Walter & Vinson, now Higgins & Walter, with offices at 317 Jefferson street.



FRED W. WALTER.

Mr. Walter has been unusually successful in the practicing of his profession, and is regarded as one of the most promising of the young lawyers of the City. He was City Attorney of Lockport for two years and is now serving his third year as corporation counsel of the village of Romeoville.

Mr. Walter was married October 1, 1896, at Bismark, Michigan, to Mildred Walsh.

Morrill Sprague.

Morrill Sprague, one of the well known members of the Will County bar, is a native of Maine, having been born in Corinna, that State, March 25, 1850. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and afterwards attended Corinna Union Academy and the Nichols Latin School. He subsequently read law

with his father, Volney A. Sprague, and was admitted to practice in Maine in April, 1873. He afterwards pursued the regular course of study at the Albany Law School and graduated from that institution in February, 1875. He immediately began practice at Dexter, Maine.

In 1883 Governor Robie appointed Mr. Sprague judge of the municipal court and he held that office for three years when he resigned. He was elected to the Maine Legislature in 1889 and served two years, being chairman of the committee on legal affairs. He continued the practice of law in Dexter until the fall of 1890 when he moved to Joliet. He was admitted to practice in all Courts of Illinois at the March Term of the Supreme Court in 1891.

Since commencing practice in this State Mr. Sprague has been engaged in a number of important cases and has a good practice. His experience is extensive and varied.

Howard M. Snapp.

One of the most successful and highly esteemed members of the Joliet bar is Howard M. Snapp, who has for the last thirteen years acted as Master in Chancery. Mr. Snapp enjoys a reputation for a thorough knowledge of his profession of which any lawyer would

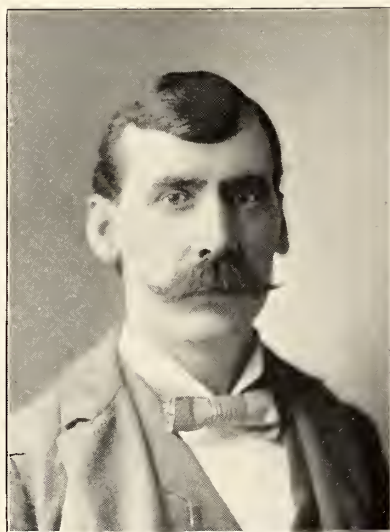


MORRILL SPRAGUE.

have reason to be proud. Howard M. Snapp is a native of Joliet, having been born in this City in 1855. His father, Hon. Henry Snapp, was one of the most prominent of the public men in the State, and the subject of this sketch had the advantage of unusually wise direction during his youth. After graduating from the Joliet schools he studied at the University of Chicago, and after his graduation from that institution he went into the law office of Hill & Dibell. He at once showed a decided aptitude for his studies and was admitted to the bar in 1880. In 1884 Mr. Snapp was appointed Master in Chancery by Judge McRoberts and has since retained the position. He is an ardent republican in politics, and from 1884 to 1890 was the secretary of the County Republican Committee. Since that time he has been the committee's chairman. Mr. Snapp enjoys a lucrative general practice and is one of the attorneys for the Sanitary District of Chicago. For several years, and up to last year, he was attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.

Samuel J. Drew.

Samuel J. Drew, Town Clerk of Joliet, was born in Staffordshire, England, April 22nd, 1864. He came with his parents to America and settled in Braidwood, Will County, where the early portion of his life was spent. He worked in the coal mines there and devoted his evenings to study. When he had accumulated sufficient money he entered the Northern Indiana Normal School, graduating there in 1887. After leaving college he came to Joliet and worked as Court reporter, being engaged as such during the time the A. T. & Santa Fe Railway was



SAMUEL J. DREW.

treatment of cases submitted to him and stands well in his chosen profession. He has a large clientage among the workingmen of Joliet and Braidwood.

Mr. Drew is a self made man, and is well known and respected by the workingmen of this County. In April, 1896, he was nominated for Town Clerk and his popularity among the working people resulted in his election by a good majority. In 1897 he was re-nominated and his re-election showed the continued good will of the workingmen. In politics he is an active republican and has proven an efficient clerk. His favorable leaning toward the working classes has been demonstrated time and again, particularly during the late coal miners strike.

buying its right-of-way through Joliet; he also entered the office of P. C. Haley and commenced the study of law. He accepted a position as stenographer with the Illinois Steel Co., at Joliet, and rapidly rose to the position of chief clerk. He began active practice as a lawyer in Joliet, November, 1892, and has practiced before the Will County bar continuously. He has been successful in his

He has proved loyal to his fellow workingmen and omits no opportunity of defending their rights. He was married June 18th, 1889, to Lizzie C. Parsons, of Braidwood. The couple have one child.

Clinton E. B. Cutler.

Clinton E. B. Cutler, the Supervisor of Joliet Township, is the youngest man who has ever held that office, having been born in Homer, Will County, July 3, 1871. Mr. Cutler's youth was spent upon the farm of his father and during the winters he attended the district schools until he reached the age of seventeen. In 1889 he entered the Joliet grammar school, and finished the following year. Until fall he worked on a farm and then he entered the Joliet high school, where he took a two years course.

Mr. Cutler taught a district school for two years after leaving the high school, and in 1894 having decided to enter the legal profession, he commenced the study of law with Donahoe & McNaughton. He was admitted to practice May 22, 1895, and graduated from the Northern Indiana Law School, June 5, 1895, and opened an office in Joliet the same month.



CLINTON E. B. CUTLER.

Board is republican. In his practice of law, as in his management of the supervisor's office, Mr. Cutler has proven himself a man of more than usual ability, and is regarded as one of the brightest of the young lawyers of the City. Older lawyers have complimented him most highly on his management of cases.

Mr. Cutler was married June 16, 1897, to Miss Maud Emmet, of Wilmington.

William Mooney.

William Mooney, who is one of the oldest of Will County attorneys in point of length of practice, was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, of Irish parentage, July 18, 1841. At the age of twenty-four he came to this Country and settled in Braidwood, Illinois, 1866. His education was principally obtained in the school of experience and observation, and his legal education was obtained from reading in private. From 1866 to 1894, with the exception of one year, Mr. Mooney was a resident of Braidwood. In 1894 he moved to Joliet where he has since resided. Mr. Mooney commenced practice of law in Braidwood, in 1870, and in

When the late Henry Spangler was elected Supervisor he appointed Mr. Cutler as his clerk, and during the long illness of Mr. Spangler he was the acting supervisor. When Mr. Spangler died, Mr. Cutler's qualifications for the office were so evident that the Town Board at once appointed him to the vacant position. This fact is of especial interest as Mr. Cutler is a democrat and the

1875 was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court. He has several times held public office, having been a justice of the peace, member of the legislature in 1875, 1889 and 1890, member of the Will County Board of Supervisors, mine in-



WILLIAM MOONEY.

pector of Will County, and City Attorney and corporation counsel of Braidwood. He has revised, compiled and arranged for revision the published book of ordinances for Braidwood, Braceville and Central City, now in use.

He has been connected with a number of famous cases during his long term of practice and is a lawyer of note.

Mr. Mooney has been twice married, his first wife being Kittie O'Connor, whom he married in 1876; and his second, Nellie O'Connor, whom he married in 1889. He has three children by his first wife.

Charles M. Henssger.

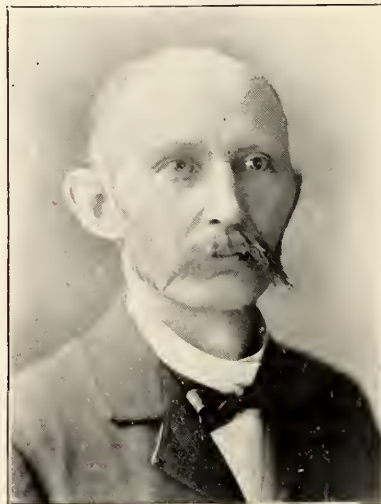
Charles M. Henssger, one of the prominent of the German members of the bar of Will County, was born September 9, 1847, in Weimar, Saxony, and received his early education in the gymnasium founded by Grand Duke Ernst. He afterwards entered the University of Jena, where he read civil law and other subjects, and served in the Prussian army in 1866 in the war with Austria. At the conclusion of the war, Mr. Henssger concluded to come to America, and in 1869 he first set foot on our shores. From 1878 to 1880 he edited the *Wochenblatt fuer Nord Illinois*, then the only German newspaper in Will County; and the following year entered the law office of Olin & Phelps, where he pursued the study of his profession and was admitted to the bar, June 16, 1880.

Mr. Henssger has always enjoyed a liberal patronage, especially from the Germans in Will County, as he is German born and has a perfect command of the German language besides being a successful lawyer.

Mr. Henssger was married in 1875 to Miss Ida S. Sans, daughter of the well known late Rev. C. Sans, and they have two children, Oscar S. and Eda May. The family residence since 1878 has been at 302 Second avenue.

Thomas Henry Hutchins.

Thomas Henry Hutchins, who has practiced law continuously in Joliet since 1861, was born



CHARLES M. HENSSGER.

April 2, 1839, in Saratoga County, New York, and in his youth came with his parents to Illinois receiving his early education in the Joliet high school and the Douglass University of Chicago, where he graduated in the law course in April, 1861. He at once opened a law office in Joliet and has practiced continuously since that time.



THOMAS HENRY HUTCHINS.

Mr. Hutchins' practice has been more particularly in real estate and chancery, making a specialty of probate and patent law. He has obtained for his clients some of the most valuable patents ever granted and has gained an almost national reputation as a successful patent lawyer. No member of the Will County bar has succeeded better financially than he and his present business is most lucrative.

Mr. Hutchins has been twice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Nancy J. Bolton, of Plainfield, having died April 15, 1894, and his present wife, to whom he was married November 6, 1895, was Miss Emma A. Condit, of Brooklyn, New York. He has four children, Kate C. Hutchins, Laura E. Custer, T. Raymond Hutchins and Leonard B. Hutchins, all children of the first wife. Mr. Hutchins resides in a beautiful suburban home on Western avenue, and has gratified his taste in agriculture and horticulture as well as in his chosen profession.

George J. Arbeiter.

George J. Arbeiter, one of the rising young attorneys of Joliet, was born at Plainfield, Illinois, June 10, 1865. His early life was spent upon the farm, and his early education was obtained in the district school at Caton Farm. He afterwards received a commercial education at the Northern Indiana Normal school at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he also prepared for college, afterwards teaching school for two years at Plainfield. In the fall of 1889 he entered the Freshman class of the University of Illinois, at Champaign, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Letters from that institution in June, 1893. In the fall of 1893 Mr. Arbeiter entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and received the degree of LL. B. Mr. Arbeiter is personally very popular among his acquaintances and although he has been practicing law but a comparatively short time has acquired a most excellent business. His offices are in Suite 305, Barber Bldg.



GEORGE J. ARBEITER.

William Seward McCaull.

William Seward McCaull, attorney at law and member of the McCaull Commercial Agency, was born in Chicago, September 20, 1864, and received his education in the county schools in Decatur County, Iowa, in the Garden Grove high



school and St. John's Academy at Garden Grove, Iowa, and at the Iowa Business College, Des Moines, Iowa. He taught school in Iowa from 1883 to 1887 and in the latter year became connected with the Des Moines Daily News as city editor. Mr. McCaull has had quite a journalistic career, having been connected with the Denver Times, Dubuque Herald, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Monmouth Journal, Joliet Press and Chicago News and Record, and has worked in every department of a newspaper from setting type and feeding press to writing editorials. Mr. McCaull was admitted to the bar in October, 1892. Mr. McCaull is an active politician, has been a justice of the peace and is a member of the democratic County and Town committees.

He is a member of the local lodge of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen and Good Templars, and also of the Y. M. C. A. and Christ Episcopal Church. He was married December 14, 1892 to Nora E. Dryer and they have two children.

Samuel J. McCaull.

Samuel J. McCaull, the manager of McCaull Commercial Agency was born in Gardner Grove, Iowa, December 23, 1870, and received his education in the high school at that place and afterwards at the Garden Grove Normal school. He studied law after leaving the Normal school with S. H. Amos, a prominent attorney of Garden Grove, and commenced practice in Joliet in the spring of 1894.

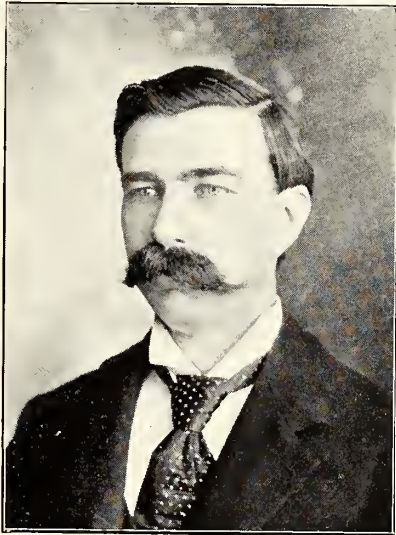
The commercial agency of which Mr. McCaull is the manager, is one of the most successful of the kind in the State, and has done a most excellent business. The connection of the firm with Sharpe & Allen, The Martindale Mercantile Agency, and the credit company has been of great value to it, and the firm has been unusually successful in collecting supposedly bad accounts. Besides his connection with the firm Mr. McCaull also has a law practice of his own.



SAMUEL J. MCCAULL.

John T. White.

John T. White, attorney and counselor at law, was born in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois, December 23, 1868, and when he was eight weeks old his parents moved to Will County where he has since resided. His education was



JOHN T. WHITE.

obtained in the public schools of Joliet and after leaving school he entered a real estate office, soon discontinuing this occupation to read law with a local attorney. He was admitted to practice in May, 1895, having been elected justice of the peace in April, 1894, and at the expiration of his term of office entered upon the practice of law. Mr. White has had excellent success both as a public officer and in private practice. He is a thorough and conscientious lawyer and is always keenly alive to the best interests of his clients. Mr. White is popular socially and is a member of Stevenson Camp, 2892, Modern Woodmen of America.

He is a republican in politics and takes an active interest in public matters where his opinion is highly valued.

Charles B. Cheadle.

Charles B. Cheadle, attorney at law and real estate dealer, is a native of Hancock County, Illinois, where he was born May 9, 1862. His early education was obtained in the common schools. He attended the State Normal University at Normal, Illinois, for a time and afterwards taught school. He studied law in the office of Sharp and Berry Brothers at Carthage, Illinois, and was admitted to the bar at Springfield, June 10, 1890. For a short time he practiced law at Oquawka, Illinois, and located in Joliet in 1892, and has been continuously in practice in this City since. Mr. Cheadle was the democratic candidate for State's Attorney of Will County in 1892, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He is largely self educated and has established a lucrative business by his own industry without assistance, except the good will of the people whose respect he tries to merit by honorable dealing and courteous treatment. Mr. Cheadle is the junior partner of the firm of Hawley & Cheadle, who have built up one of the largest money loaning industries in Will County. Mr.



CHARLES B. CHEADLE.

Cheadle was married April 19, 1893, to Elizabeth Ruple, of Oquawka, Illinois, and has one daughter. He is a member of Oquawka Lodge 193, A. F. & A. M.; and is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, having served as Worthy Patron of Sarah D. Moon Chapter at Lockport, Illinois, one year. He has identified himself with the interests of our City in the purchase of a fine home in "Woodland," and is expected to be among the most zealous promoters of the City's progress in years to come.

Frederick William Werner.

Dr. Frederick William Werner, one of the most prominent of the medical profession of Joliet, is a native of this City and was born February 8, 1858. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Joliet, and in 1878 he attended the medical department of the University of Michigan, where he became assistant demonstrator of anatomy. After leaving the University of Michigan in 1879, Mr. Werner entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York City, from which he graduated with honors in 1880. He commenced practice at Lemont, March 3, 1880, and remained there three months, after which he came to Joliet where he has remained ever since. Since commencing practice Dr. Werner



FREDERICK WILLIAM WERNER.

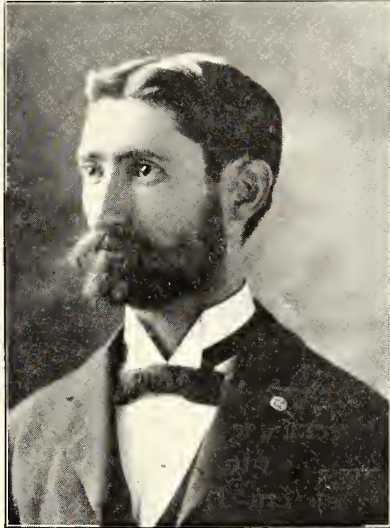
has taken a course in the post-graduate medical school in Chicago, and has also taken a bacteriological course under Prof. Edwin Klobs.

Dr. Werner has held several public offices since coming to Joliet. He was the coroner of Will County, the County physician, the Town physician of Joliet and the treasurer of the United States Board of Pension Examiners. He is at present the president of the Will

County Medical Society, a mark of esteem of his fellow members of the medical profession which is most complimentary to him. Dr. Werner is the medical examiner in Joliet for a large number of insurance companies. Among them are the New York Life, Aetna, Connecticut Mutual, Massachusetts Mutual, Manhattan, Mutual Benefit New Jersey, Mutual Reserve Fund, Nederland, National Life, Union, Central, Ohio, Washington Life, Provident Savings Life, Vermont Life, the Modern Woodmen and the Knights of Pythias. He enjoys the reputation for being a most careful and thorough physician in anything which he undertakes and enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. Werner was married in 1881 to Miss Louise F. Staehle and resides on Jefferson street. He is no less popular socially than he is in a professional way.

He is the worshipful Master of Matteson Lodge 175, A. F. & A. M., and is a member of the American Society of Microscopists, the Germania Club, Joliet Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., Joliet Commandery No. 4, Medinah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Paul Revere Lodge K. of P. and Joliet Council No. 82, Royal and Select Masters.



GEORGE M. PEAIRS.

George M. Peairs.

George M. Peairs, the well-known member of the medical fraternity of Joliet, is an Ohioan by birth, having been born in Kenton, that State, December 18, 1866; his father being Rev. R. H. Peairs, a well known clergyman, and his mother's name being Sarah A. Peairs. Dr. Peairs came with his parents to Illinois when a youth and was educated at the classical department of the Illinois State Normal University from which he graduated in 1887, and then entered Rush Medical College from which he graduated in 1891, his perceptor being Dr. J. N. Black, of Clayton, Illinois. Immediately after graduating Dr. Peairs began practice at Morris, and in the fall

of the same year entered the hospital of the Illinois Steel Company at South Chicago, and in the following year returned to Morris and was County Physician of Grundy County in 1893 and 1894, coming to Joliet in 1894. Dr. Peairs is at present engaged in general practice and is also the surgeon of the Illinois Steel Company. He is also one of the attending surgeons at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, and is at present the assistant surgeon of the E. J. & E.; Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern Railroads, and is the examiner for a number of insurance companies. He is also a member of the Will County and Illinois State Medical Societies. Dr. Peairs was married December 20, 1894, to Miss Jessie Hayes.

Dr. Martin Cushing.

Dr. Martin Cushing, at present the Health Officer of the City of Joliet, is a native of New York, having been born at Utica, in 1852, but since he was two years of age he has resided continuously in this City except during the time when he had been away at college. His early education was obtained at the Joliet public schools and at Russell's business college and he then went back to New York where he took a three years' course. He then returned to Joliet



DR. MARTIN CUSHING.

and subsequently took a course of study in the College of Physicians in Chicago, from which he graduated in 1892 with the degree of M. D. Since that time he has practiced his profession in Joliet. Dr. Cushing is prominently identified with the democratic party and was one of the delegates to the last national convention of his party. He was for two years the chairman of the county committee and served three terms as Alderman of the Third Ward. During Governor Altgeld's administration he was the physician in charge at the Penitentiary and when Mayor Lager was elected he was appointed Health Officer of Joliet. He has proven a great success in the last named position, prominent among his accomplishments being the establishment of a laboratory for bacteriological study and the securing of an ordinance providing for the disposal of garbage. Dr. Cushing is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Harry W. Woodruff.

Harry W. Woodruff, the son of George H. and Achsah Wheeler Woodruff, was born in 1868, in Joliet, and was educated at the grammar schools of Joliet, graduating from the high school in 1886. He graduated at the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1889 and from the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1892. He began practice in Joliet in 1893 and has practiced continuously ever since. Dr. Woodruff was the house surgeon at the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary in 1892 and 1893, and was the consulting oculist and aurist to the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane in 1893, is now a member of the staff at the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary and at the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College. Dr. Woodruff limits his practice to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and has contributed to the Annals of Ophthalmology and Otology of St. Louis. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Will County, Chicago, and Illinois State Medical Societies and the Chicago Ophthalmological Society.



HARRY W. WOODRUFF.

Dr. Woodruff was married in 1895 to Jennie L. Coventry in Utica, N. Y.

Walter B. Stewart.

Dr. W. B. Stewart, the son of John W. and Lettie Whitten Stewart, was born in 1866, at Wilmington, Illinois, and received his preliminary education at the Wilmington high school from which he graduated in 1880. He attended the University of Illinois the following year, graduating in 1884 and then went to the Chicago College of Pharmacy from which he graduated in 1885. His pro-

fessional education was obtained at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago where he took the degree of doctor of medicine in 1888. He commenced practice in Joliet in 1888 and has made no change of residence since.



WALTER B. STEWART.

Dr. Stewart has been the house surgeon in St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, and was County Physician for six years of Will County. He is at present the surgeon of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad and is also engaged in general practice. Dr. Stewart is a member of the Will County Medical Society, and enjoys a lucrative practice in this City.

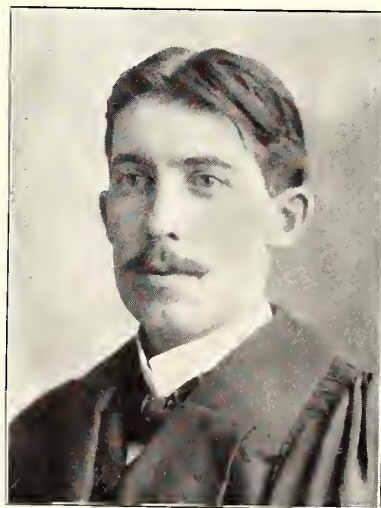
William Kellogg Foote.

Dr. William Kellogg Foote is one of the younger members of the medical profession of Joliet, having been born in Belvidere, April 17, 1871. His early education was received at the Belvidere high school and immediately after graduating from that institution he commenced his medical studies, entering the Chicago Home-

opathic Medical College from which he graduated in 1893. For four years he practiced in Chicago, being associated with Dr. W. M. Stearns, one of the foremost laryngologists of the west, and then came to Joliet. Dr. Foote's practice is limited to the medical and surgical treatment of the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Foote is lecturer on rhinology and laryngology in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College and is the clinical instructor in diseases of the nose and throat at the same institution. He is also attending physician to the Chicago Nursery and Half Orphan Asylum. Dr. Foote was married in the city of his birth May 19, 1897, to Miss E. Josephine Downing.

Dr. Philip LeSage.

Although he has been a resident of Joliet for only a few months, Dr. Philip LeSage, whose office and residence is at 200 Jefferson street, has already achieved an enviable reputation among the members of his chosen profession in Joliet and is recognized as one of the best informed men on medical subjects in the vicinity. Dr. LeSage's medical education has been most thorough and to his medical skill the doctor adds that peculiar charm of manner without which no physician can be successful in the pursuit of his chosen profession. Philip LeSage is a native of Illinois, having been born at Bourbonnais



WILLIAM KELLOGG FOOTE.

Grove, near Kankakee, October 20, 1865. From 1875 to 1886 the doctor attended St. Viator's College in his native village and was graduated from that institution in 1886, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts. In the fall of 1887 he began the study of medicine at the Chicago Medical College, now the medical school of the Northwestern University, and graduated with the degree of doctor of medicine in April, 1890. Dr. LeSage's preceptor while he was pursuing his medical studies was Dr. P. H. Letourneau, of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Dr. LeSage was so successful in his studies that he had little difficulty at the end of his course in becoming an interne at Mercy Hospital, Chicago, a position which is anxiously sought for by all medical students in that city. After remaining in the hospital for one year, Dr. LeSage left the institution and took up private practice at 2057 Thirty-eighth street, Chicago, where he remained until November, 1896, when he removed to Joliet. Since that time he has had his office and residence at 200 Jefferson street.

Dr. LeSage has held a large number of official positions in various organizations. He was the medical examiner of Court Jacques



DR. PHILIP LE SAGE.

Cock Life Insurance Company. He has been the medical examiner for the Aetna Life Insurance Company since 1893 and still holds the position.

Dr. LeSage is a member of the Will County Medical Society, the Catholic and Independent Order of Forresters, the American French-Canadian Association and is a life member of the Chicago Medical College Alumni Association.

Cartier of the Catholic Order of Forresters in Chicago from April, 1891 to April, 1894. In the following year he was the medical examiner for Court St. John the Baptist of the Woman's Catholic Order of Forresters. He has also held the same position for Court St. Joseph of the American French Canadian Association, for Brighton Park Court of the Independent Order of Forresters and for the John Han-

Otto Henry Staehle.

Otto Henry Staehle, who enjoys one of the best dental practices in the City of Joliet, and who has the reputation of being remarkably skillful at his profession, was born in Joliet and has lived in this City his entire life except two years which were spent in Europe. He received his early education at the Joliet public

schools and after leaving them entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he graduated with honor. He then spent two years in Europe practicing dentistry in Berlin and Munich, and subsequently returned to Joliet, where he has since practiced his profession.



OTTO HENRY STAEHLE.

Dr. Staehle is an extremely pleasant man to meet socially and has hosts of very warm friends in Joliet. Skillful and painstaking in his profession, genial and companionably socially, and always upright in his business dealings he has the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. He was one of the charter members of the Delta Sigma Delta Society in Chicago.

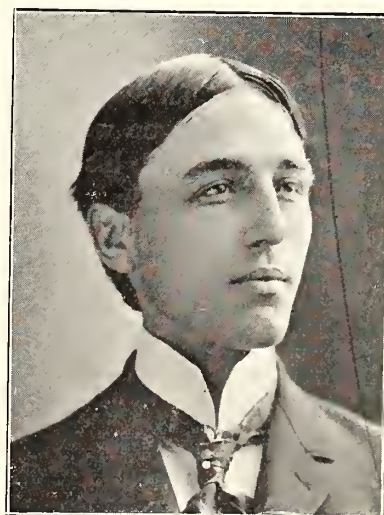
Dr. Staehle was married September 17, 1887 to Miss Ida Hofmann and they have two children.

Dr. Joseph E. Zipf.

Dr. Joseph E. Zipf, the well known and popular dentist, is a native of Joliet, having been born in this City, January 5, 1867. His education was received at the Joliet public and German schools and after leaving them he attended the American College of Dental Surgery, the Chicago School of Anatomy and Physiology and Northwestern University. After graduating from the dental department of the last named institution Dr. Zipf returned to Joliet where he commenced the practice of his profession in which he has been very successful. He was first located at 215 Jefferson street, over Calmer & Son's dry goods store, but on account of changes made in the building he was obliged to seek other quarters. He is now located in Ed. S. Munroe's Block, Corner Chicago and Clinton streets.

Dr. Zipf is popular both socially and professionally. His education was secured through his own almost unaided efforts and he is probably as finely educated in his profession as any dentist in Joliet.

His abilities are not confined to the limitations of his profession. He is decidedly musical in his tastes and accomplishments and was a member of the first mandolin club of Joliet, which gained great popularity at home and elsewhere. This club is now disbanded. Dr. Zipf is still an active member in several musical organizations. He is a member of the Supreme Court of Honor.



DR. JOSEPH E. ZIPF.

Simon F. Wilhelmi.

Simon F. Wilhelmi, the well-known dentist, is a native of Joliet, having been born in this City, February 15, 1872. His early education was obtained at the public schools of Joliet and he afterwards attended the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, where he graduated with honor. He at once entered the practice of his profession in Joliet and has practiced continuously ever since. He occupies an elegant suite of rooms in the Young Building fitted with all the latest and most approved appliances of his profession. Although he is one of the youngest members of his profession in Joliet, Dr. Wilhelmi already has a lucrative of base ball in Joliet. As a member of the Standards he played right field in the outdoor team and left short in the indoor team.



SIMON F. WILHELMI

practice which is constantly increasing. His patrons say that he is exceptionally skillful and he has done some beautiful pieces of work. He is very popular socially, is a member of the local Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of St. Alois Western Catholic Union, and of the Germania Club of Joliet. He is an enthusiast in matters athletic, and is known as one of the promoters

Senator George H. Munroe.

Senator George H. Munroe is one of the most prominent citizens of Joliet in both business and political circles. For nearly forty years the name of Munroe has been a familiar one in Joliet and Will County.

Senator Munroe was born in Brownville, Jefferson County, New York, in 1844, and came with his parents to Illinois in 1849, his father settling on a farm in Florence Township. He received his early education in the common and high schools. In 1862 the Senator's father, George Munroe, was elected sheriff of Will County and the Senator served under his father for two years as deputy. In 1865 the subject of this sketch became associated with his father under the firm name of George Munroe & Son and commenced a large retail grocery business, and since that time Mr. George H. Munroe has been a conspicuous figure in the business life of Joliet and has been and is still connected with several of its largest business enterprises. He is at present vice-president of the Western Stone Company and is one of the directors and largely interested in the Joliet National Bank, and with his brother Edwin S. Munroe conducts a real estate, mortgage, banking and general trust company business.

Mr. Munroe early in life commenced to assume responsible positions of trust. Back in 1868 Mr. Munroe was appointed receiver of the Illinois Manufacturing

Company, which at that time owned everything in the Illinois State Prison at Joliet. He settled up the affairs to the satisfaction of the court and stockholders, dividing up \$250,000.00 net among the stockholders. His management of the Joliet Enterprise Company's receivership and other large trusts have added to his already high reputation as a financier.

Senator Munroe has always taken an active interest in politics and is an enthusiastic republican, but in no sense has he ever been an office seeker. A few years ago he was elected assistant supervisor of the township without solicitation on his part and served one term as chairman of the finance committee. In 1894 he received the nomination for State Senator and was elected by a large majority. His career in the Senate has been creditable alike to himself and his constituents. He has always been found on the honest side of the house and when the

notorious Humphrey bills were before the senate at its last session it was Senator Munroe who organized and led the fight against them in the Senate Chamber. As chairman of the committee on drainage he has done excellent work for his constituents and it is owing largely to his ability and watchfulness that the Sanitary Drainage District during the past two regular sessions of the legislature have not



SENATOR GEORGE H. MUNROE.

succeeded in securing a single change in the law passed in '89 to their interest. Two tax bills only have been passed permitting the trustees to tax their district for more funds, and to both of these bills suitable amendments in behalf of the valley people were added. The Senator also has introduced a number of exceptionally good bills, many of which were passed; among them amended

the Law of Eminent Domain, compelling corporations to pay expenses in condemnation cases where they failed to take the property; the parole law; amendment to the general banking laws of the state, throwing greater safe guards around the banks for the benefit of the depositors; establishing the Woman's Relief Corps Home in Wilmington; and the erection of the female prison of Joliet were largely due to his energy and management.

In person he is a most affable and approachable man, although there is not the faintest trace about him of the political demagogue. He has the courage of his convictions, as many men, misled by his quiet manner into thinking that he could be easily dissuaded from his purpose have found out to their cost.

Postmaster Mark G. Harris.

Among the progressive and successful young business men of Joliet, Mark G. Harris, the popular Postmaster, ranks first. As a business man he stood at the front of his profession, winning the State and National first prizes as a custom cutter and designer. As an Alderman in our City Council he proved one of the most efficient public officials the City ever had. He was quick, bright and always on the alert and did remarkable service both for his people and for the City, so that, although it was a democratic ward he double discounted all opponents both for the nomination and re-election, and served with extraordinary credit and efficiency till compelled to resign by reason of his appointment as Postmaster of Joliet. When he resigned the City Council passed a set of complimentary resolutions, a rare tribute for his services and expressing regret at his loss from their body. As Postmaster of Joliet he has distanced all his predecessors in the improvement of the mail service in Joliet. There seems to be no limit to his capacity for progress and his ambition, while boundless, is curbed with a becoming modesty and genialty that renders him at once a favorite with all classes. He is broad minded and liberal in all things, tolerant and considerate, and his happy disposition and excellent entertaining qualities win for him the good will and friendship of all, while his sterling honesty and hustling ever made in Joliet. He has during the three years and better since his appointment, not only doubled the improvements but doubled the service. With double the work over his predecessors he has reduced letter carriers' hours of labor from nine hours and thirty minutes per day to eight hours each and every day barring Sunday. The high position he occupies in the estimation of the people is due to the qualities of mind and character already stated, which he possesses; to his geniality and integrity, to his success in every thing he undertakes and to his live hustling and energetic, upright and progressive method of



POSTMASTER MARK G. HARRIS.

enterprise makes him esteemed and respected by the entire community. He was born in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois, and educated in the Foster Grammar (public) School, Chicago, where he graduated for the Chicago High School. Mr. Harris is also a graduate of the Chicago College of Law and is a promising member of the Will County bar. His term as Postmaster has been signalized by some of the greatest strides in the postal service

handling the public duties committed to his care in the interests of the people in which he is absolutely impartial and just and considerate toward all alike without regard to party, class, condition, creed or color. He has been thoroughly non-partisan and alike courteous and accomodating to all, and all alike are the recipients of his uniform prompt and careful attention. He exacts the same conduct from all the employees. By his efficiency and progress in the mail service he soon won distinction with the department officials at Washington, also postoffice inspectors and visiting government officials with whom he became a favorite and he soon brought the Joliet Postoffice up, by his thorough system of operating it, so that it is now a first class office and one that is not surpassed, if equalled, by any postoffice in the United States. The local newspapers, without regard to politics, all commend him highly from step to step in the details of the progress of his improvements. These improvements have been so often published that the patrons of the office are thoroughly familiar with them and it is unnecessary to here repeat them. Not only has the praise of the patrons of the office and the local papers been freely voiced on account of the superior mail service he has given, but letters of praise and commendation have been elicited from the department officials at Washington. The placing of Joliet in the list of twenty-five of the largest cities in the United States to inaugurate the house to house collection system was a personal compliment to Postmaster Harris and an advertisement for Joliet which reached from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the Associated Press. By extra deliveries he has shortened the time of delivery of mail in Joliet fifteen hours and twenty minutes, twelve hours and thirty minutes and twelve hours and ten minutes, making a total of forty hours shortened in local delivery. By additional collections he has shortened the time of forwarding mail matter fifteen hours and twenty minutes, ten hours, nine hours and five hours, a total of thirty-nine hours and twenty minutes shortened in forwarding mail to Chicago and her vast connections.

The entire business district of Joliet receives six deliveries and ten collections daily, which is more deliveries than any postoffice in the United States is making, barring a few cities of 250,000 population and upwards.

He is quick, bright, active and keen, and at a glance grasps every detail and carries them into prompt execution which accounts for his remarkable success. Socially Mr. Harris is a general favorite on account of his fine entertaining faculties, and a bright future is predicted for him which he will earn, as he has his present splendid reputation, by a correct idea of what is right, by a clear conception of his own duties and rights and those of others and by honesty, push and clear grit. He is a self made man in every sense of the word.

Adam Groth.

Adam Groth, contractor and builder, is one of the most successful and highly respected men in his line of business in Joliet. His particular specialty is work in stone and in this he is probably as well qualified as any man who could be found. He is a practical stone cutter, has been in every branch of the stone business and has handled all kinds of stone and his knowledge of this branch of work

has been most valuable to him as well as to those for whom he has erected buildings. The latest and one of the finest specimens of his work in the new Logan School which was recently completed.



ADAM GROTH.

Mr. Groth is a German by birth, having been born in Hamburg, August 22, 1847. He attended the public and technical schools in his native city and when a youth came to America where he completed his education at the Maryland Institute at Baltimore.

His present business was established in 1896 and has been a most successful one. His place of business is on Cass street between Manning avenue and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific tracks, where he has a stone yard and a stone planing mill.

Mr. Groth has been highly honored by the citizens of Joliet and has held many public offices including that of City Treasurer. He is universally esteemed for his unquestioned business integrity and is one of the City's most prominent men.

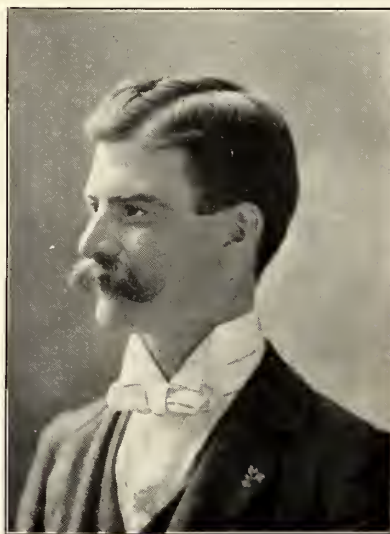
Charles P. Morrissey.

One of the most deservedly popular and successful of the younger business men of Joliet is Mr. Charles P. Morrissey, the local agent of the United States Express Company. He has been connected with the local office of that corporation for nearly half his life time, and it is through his efforts that the "States" today enjoys the reputation of having more patronage in Joliet than all of the other companies combined.

Mr. Morrissey was born in Joliet, February 7, 1868, and is the son of James Morrissey and Frances (Warren) Morrissey. Both his mother and father were old residents and the subject of this sketch first saw the light in the same house in which his mother was born.

Mr. Morrissey's education was obtained from the St. John's German School and from the public schools of Joliet. During his later school years he employed his extra time working for one of the local newspapers and was also employed during vacation in the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company and after leaving school took a position with the United States Express Company.

There is no detail of the express business which Mr. Morrissey does not thoroughly understand. After working two or three years as a driver and messenger he was promoted to the position of chief clerk and held that office until 1893, when he was put in charge of the office



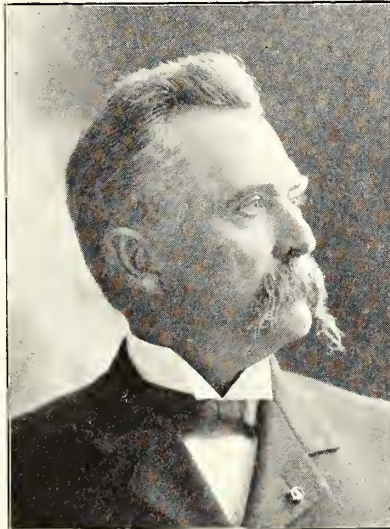
CHARLES P. MORRISSEY.

and he has since been the agent of the company in Joliet. His success is due to untiring energy, thorough knowledge of the details of the business and to an affability of manner which has made him hosts of friends.

In politics Mr. Morrisey is a thorough Democrat. At the township election held in April, 1897, he ran for the office of collector on the Democratic ticket, having been nominated by acclamation, and he succeeded in making a great inroad in the Republican majority, which is usually several hundred votes in the township. He was defeated by a majority of only 62 votes—a most creditable run. Mr. Morrisey is socially very popular and is a member of a number of societies. Among them are Mound City Lodge, No. 112; Modern Woodmen; Court of Honor, Joliet No. 300; Joliet Lodge No. 296; the Elks and the Joliet Saengerbund Society.

Captain Charles Rost.

Captain Charles Rost, the Superintendent of the County Farm, is a German by birth, having been born at Grifswald, Germany, December 11, 1842. He was the oldest of seven sons and when he was seventeen years of age he was sent by his father to America to prepare the way for the rest of the family to follow. He landed in New York in 1859 and in 1862 the rest of the family followed and settled in Macomb, Ill. Captain Rost, however had responded to the first call for enlisted troops and when his father arrived he was fighting with McClellan. The Cap-



CAPTAIN CHARLES ROST.

months, being exchanged in March, 1865. He rejoined his regiment and saw the last struggle of Lee's army. After the war, the Captain came west and after a short visit with his parents went to Leavenworth, Kansas, and accepted an appointment in the government transportation department. In the summer of 1867 when the Indian war broke out, he received a commission from Governor Crawford, of Kansas, to recruit a company of cavalry. Captain D. L. Payne was put in command of the company and for five months they scouted the country fighting the Indians wherever they could find them, being under the orders of General Custer. At the close of this campaign, in the spring of 1868 he went south and engaged in construction of railroad bridges and trestles on the Louisville & Nashville Line. A severe illness overtook him, and on the third day of March, 1874,

tain was severely wounded in the third day's battle at the Wilderness and was sent to Portsmouth Grove, R. I. hospital. Here he met his father for the first time in this country. After recovering from his wound he was made first lieutenant of Massachusetts volunteers and was finally wounded and taken a prisoner at Reams Station and confined in three rebel prisons for seven

he moved with his wife and two children to Macomb, Ill. In 1877 he came to Joliet, having received an appointment under Major McClaughry—then Warden of our State Penitentiary—which position he held until the late Altgeld administration saw fit to remove him. In September, 1893, the Board of Supervisors elected him as their Superintendent of the County Farm, and has been re-elected for four terms since the last time by a rising vote of the entire Board.

The Captain is a member of a good many societies, local and national, as follows: The Military Order of Loyal Legion of the United States, the G. A. R., the Masonic Order, Matteson Lodge and the Knights of Pythias, Paul Revere Lodge. He is a staunch Republican and has fought his party battles in the field and civil life, and a good many will remember him leading the Republican host of Will County for twelve years—often to victory and sometimes to defeat—but under any circumstances he was known to act honorable and fair, never allowing himself to crow over a fallen foe.

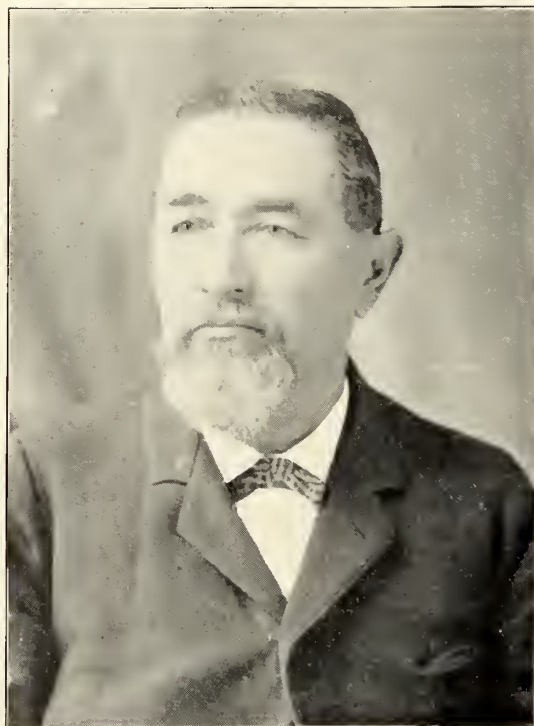
The Captain was married to Miss Maggie O'Connor, of Clarksville, Tennessee, November 13, 1870, and has three children living—Alpha, Lulu and Carl. Lulu is the wife of Doctor L. J. Fredericks of this City, Alpha is the wife of Carle Hafner, a commercial gentleman of Chicago and Carl is the bookkeeper of the Western Stone Company of Chicago.

As Superintendent of our County Farm we know the Captain well. He has made our farm a model of farms, and with its 120 inmates, of whom 37 are incurable insane. He has shown to the people of this County that he is the right man in the right place. He is a plain every day man with a great big heart in him, which gives him the necessary qualification to control the unfortunate people who come under his care. He is stern and fearless in the performance of his duty as Superintendent.

Jonas Kahn, Deceased.

When Jonas Kahn made this City his home in 1872, Joliet gained a valuable citizen. When he died in March, 1897, hundreds mourned the loss of a staunch friend. As a business man Mr. Kahn was a decided success, and the result was that he left his widow and seven children well provided for.

Mr. Kahn was fifty-eight years old at the time of his death. He was born in Offenburg, Grand Duchy of Baden. His home was ideal, where he sought and found solace after the day's work had been completed. Here

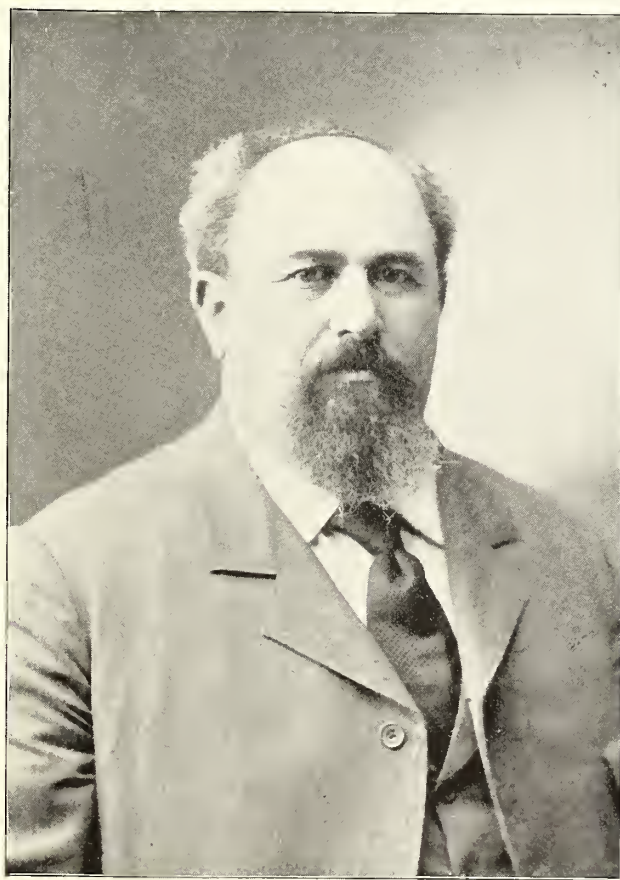


JONAS KAHN, DECEASED.

he entertained his friends, who were legion. Of Mr. Kahn it may be truthfully said that no citizen in recent years died more universally mourned. Many a man in business today says: "I got my start from Jonas Kahn." He was unostentatious, and his right hand of fellowship was always extended. As a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge he was an exemplary brother; as a husband and father, all that could be desired; as a citizen, progressive; as a business man, successful; as a friend, true as the magnet to the North Pole.

Henry Alexander.

No man is better known, not only in Joliet, but throughout the State, than the Honorable Henry Alexander. The portrait here given shows that the gentle-



HENRY ALEXANDER.

man is broad guaged, sympathetic and liberal. Nature has endowed him with a magnificent physique. A liberal scholastic course has given him an education fitting him for the positions that he has been called to fill.

Mr. Alexander's first years were passed in Stuttgard, Germany. In 1880 he came to Joliet a poor young man; today he is rated as one of the wealthy citizens of Joliet, whose word is as good as a United States bond. As a private citizen and as occupying official positions he has ever fulfilled his promises. He served

as Supervisor of Joliet during the panic of 1894-95. By his management the taxpayers were saved thousands of dollars, and no one suffered who applied for help.

He was instrumental in many important improvements in the County's buildings, and forced the erection of the insane asylums for the incurable insane at Peoria, which called for his appointment as one of the trustees at the hands of Governor Altgeld, although Mr. Alexander was a Republican, and the Governor a Democrat.

When the new board was chosen this winter Mr. Alexander was appointed a trustee and elected President of the Board, his executive ability being recognized as necessary to the completion of the work.

Mr. Alexander's home life is perfect. At his home, No. 1000 South Joliet street, he and his family, consisting of his devoted wife and four children, entertain royally their large circle of acquaintances. No one who has the honor of Mr. Henry Alexander's acquaintance but respects the man.

Frank L. Bowen.

Frank L. Bowen, Justice of the Peace and Attorney at Law, is one of the younger members of the legal profession of Joliet, having been born January 16, 1870, at Greenwich, Huron County, Ohio. His parents moved to Michigan when he was a small boy, and in that State he received his education, attending the public schools at Reading and Hillsdale, Hillsdale College, the Grand Rapids High School and the University of Michigan. He is a graduate and post-graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan Law Department with the degree of L. L. B. and L. L. M. and also pursued special studies in the literary department, but the work, which was entirely in admiralty courts was distasteful to him and he soon returned to Joliet to take the City Editorship of the Post. He afterwards became a reporter on The Republican and was in that position when in the spring of 1897 he was elected Justice of the Peace. He has been extremely successful in this office and has the respect and esteem of the entire Joliet bar.

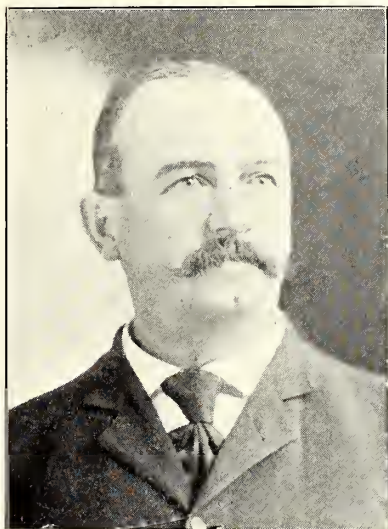


FRANK L. BOWEN.

Mr. Bowen was married in 1894 and has a son born July 31, 1897.

Owen W. Curtis.

Owen W. Curtis, the well known wholesale and retail dealer in coal, coke, kindling and wood, is a native of Farmington, Trumbull County, Ohio, where he was born November 25, 1856.



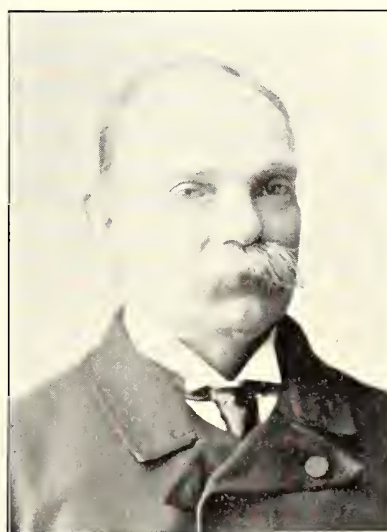
OWEN W. CURTIS.

When a young man his parents moved to Lockport and there Mr. Curtis finished his education, which had been begun in the district schools in the country, by taking a course in the Lockport high school. After leaving school he entered the firm of his father, I. B. Curtis & Son in the farm implement business where he remained for a time and then entered the employ of W. H. Hunter for whom he worked for twelve years before buying his business. In 1893 Mr. Curtis completed arrangements to gain control of the business himself and since that time has been the sole proprietor.

Mr. Curtis's office is at 510 Jefferson street, and he carries a large and complete stock of the goods in his line. He has established a large and lucrative business and by his close attention to it has made it one of the most successful in the City. Personally Mr. Curtis is a genial, pleasant gentleman to meet on either business or pleasure and has hosts of friends.

Nathan Bennett.

The subject of this sketch was born in the Village of Suedshill, County of Salop, England, March 18th, 1845. He received the rudiments of an education in his native village, but was very early set to work at the iron trade. He made this his occupation and worked at it till about 25 years of age, when he came to this country. He settled in St. Louis for a short time and in 1870 came to Joliet, entering the employ of the Joliet Steel Company. He remained in the employ of this Company and of the Illinois Steel Company for about 23 years, till 1893, when he retired to give his whole attention to the coal business in which he had been for some time interested. As an iron and steel worker his long term of service testifies to the regard in which he was held by his employers. In labor organization he was among the foremost and was honored by his fellow-workmen with many important positions in the A. A. of I. &



NATHAN BENNETT.

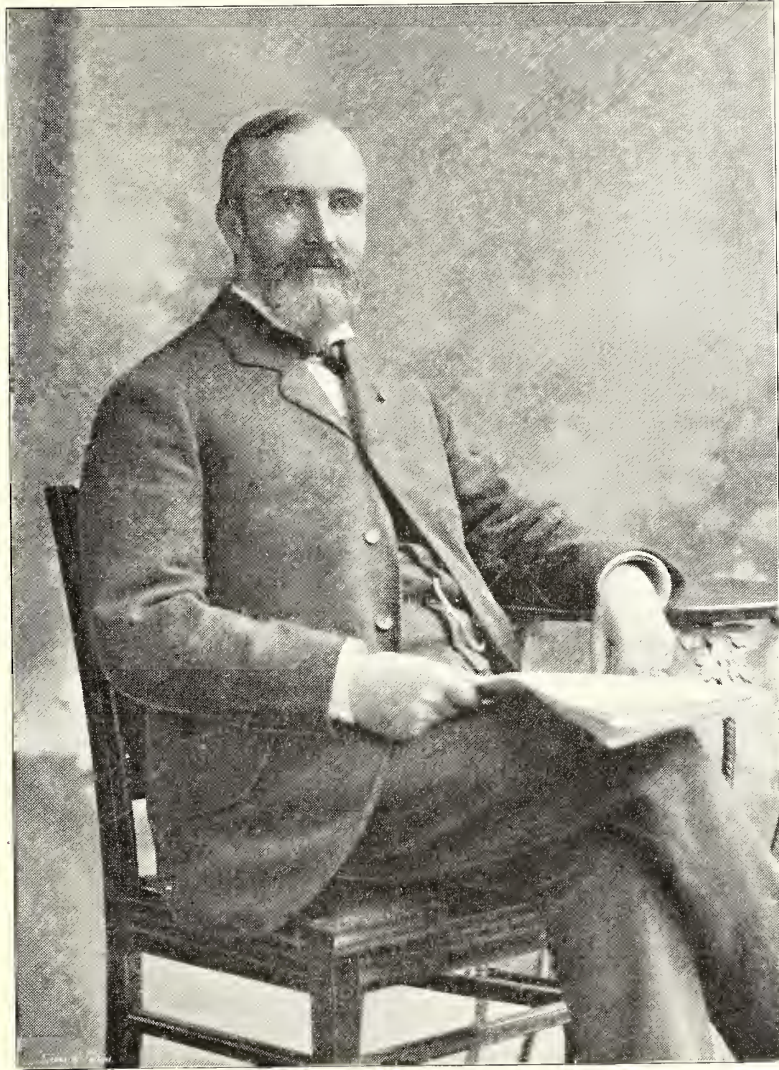
S. W. Mr. Bennett by dint of business energy and integrity has built up for himself an enviable position in the coal trade. His business connections however are varied. He is considerable of a local contractor in water main extension and sewer work. He is interested in the Northwestern Mining, Trading and Developing Company. His favorite business connection, however, is in the "Hercules Gold Mining Company," whose mines and properties are located in the Black Hills, near Deadwood, South Dakota. He is a heavy stockholder in this company and has great faith in its future. He is prominent in local fraternal organizations, particularly the Order Sons of St. George. He is considerable of a factor in local Republican politics. He is now serving his third term as Assistant Supervisor of the Town of Joliet. As might be naturally, Mr. Bennett has accumulated quite a little property. He has a comfortable home on Mississippi avenue, where in the company of his estimable wife and family of one son and four daughters, he spends those leisure hours which he manages to snatch from a life full of social and business occupation.

Major Robert Wilson McClaughry.

Major McClaughry, the present Warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary, was born in Hancock County, Illinois, July 22, 1839, and was educated at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, where he graduated in 1860. In 1860-61 he published a newspaper at Carthage, Illinois. In 1862 he enlisted as a volunteer, was elected Captain of Co. B, 118th Illinois Infantry, and was later promoted to Major of the same regiment. He moved with his regiment to Memphis, Tennessee, where he joined the expedition then fitting out against Vicksburg under General Sherman. He took an active part with his regiment in this and the subsequent campaigns, which resulted in the capture of Vicksburg, and served in the Army of the Tennessee until June, 1864, when he was transferred to the pay department and served as Army Paymaster, until the close of the war. Returning to his native place in 1865, he was elected clerk of Hancock County, holding the office until 1869, when he embarked in the stone business and secured, among other important contracts, the one for furnishing the stone for the foundation and basement of the new Illinois State House. In 1874 his friends determined that he should run for Congress from his district, but just then he was offered the Wardenship of the Illinois State Penitentiary and declined congressional honors to accept it. He filled the place as Warden so ably for a period of more than fourteen consecutive years, that his fame as a prison manager extended to other states, and in 1888 he was elected General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where he remained until May 15, 1891, making a remarkable success in the management of that great institution.

In the spring of 1891, he received a very flattering offer to take charge of the Allegheny Prison at Pittsburg, and in fact had resigned his position at Huntingdon to accept it, because the change was demanded in the interest of his family's health, but the Republicans had elected Hempsted Washburne, Mayor of Chicago, and a demand was made for a strong man to be placed at the head of the Police Department of the World's Fair City. Major McClaughry was named as the man

best qualified to meet the emergency—the Major was reluctant to accept—but the best people of Chicago would not take no for an answer, and under strong pressure he finally accepted the position. Chicago never had a better police department than when Major McClaughry was chief. He kept the gambling rooms closed; he compelled the saloons to close at midnight; he drove many of the most desperate thugs and criminals from the city, and as a crowning work to his efficiency as chief of police he succeeded in closing forever the infamous Garfield race track.



MAJOR ROBERT WILSON McCLAUGHRY.

Major McClaughry continued as chief of police under the Democratic administration of Carter H. Harrison, until August 1893, when he resigned to accept the position of General Superintendent of the Illinois State Reformatory, at Pontiac, which was offered to him by Governor Altgeld. He had been a member of the Board of Managers of that Institution while he was Chief of the Chicago

Police. From 1893 to 1897 he laid the foundation of a model reformatory at Pontiac, and the institution with its 1200 inmates flourished under his able management, until he was called upon by Governor Tanner to again take charge of the great Penitentiary at Joliet, the change taking place March 1, 1897.

Major McClaughry is known all over the United States, and indeed, in European countries, as one of the ablest prison managers of the age. He has made almost a life study of crime and criminals. He is a man of great administrative ability, an excellent judge of human nature naturally, and his contact with all classes of criminals has made him more so—a kind-hearted, sympathetic man, but firm as a rock when occasion demands.

The affairs of the Penitentiary under his hands, are so conducted as to earn for it the title "the model prison of the country."

Captain M. H. Luke.

The present Deputy Warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary, was born at Albany, New York, November 16th, 1846. When only seven years old he became a resident of Illinois, settling in Jo Daviess County. He spent his boyhood days upon a farm. At the age of 17 he enlisted as a volunteer in the 17th Illinois Cavalry and served under Gen. John L. Beveridge, who was colonel of that regiment. Mr. Luke was the youngest of three brothers who entered the service to fight for their country. Mr. Luke remained in the army until the close of the war, when he returned to Jo Daviess County and engaged in the mercantile and grain business.

On November 26, 1877, he entered the service of the State as a Guard at the Illinois State Penitentiary. In the same year he was made Captain of the Night Watch. In March, 1878, he was appointed as receiving and discharging officer of the Penitentiary, which position he ably filled for many years. Some of the most desperate criminals of modern times passed through his hands on their initiation into prison life.



CAPTAIN M. H. LUKE.

Mr. Luke was the first officer in America to handle the instruments for taking the Bertillon measurements for the purpose of identifying criminals, and under direction of Warden McClaughry, he started the system at the Joliet Prison, where over 10,000 criminals have been measured and their descriptions filed for future identification.

On September 23rd, 1889, Mr. Luke was appointed Assistant Deputy Warden, which position he held until October 31st, 1891, when he was selected as Assistant Superintendent of the Illinois State Reformatory at Pontiac, where his long

experience as a prison man enabled him, after much hard work, to get the Reformatory established on a sound disciplinary basis. In March, 1897, when Major R. W. McClaughry was named by Governor Tanner as the only man for Warden



LAMBERT P. HALL.

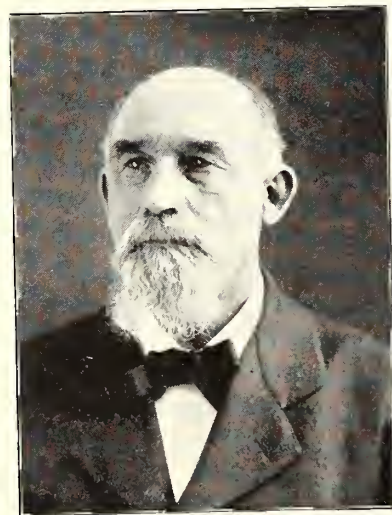
at Joliet, Mr. Luke was prevailed upon to accept the position of Deputy Warden under his old chief. The present high state of discipline at the Penitentiary and the universal regard in which he is held by the officers under him, indicates that Mr. Luke is the right man in the right place. His ability as a manager of criminals has the highest commendation from both the Warden and the Commissioners.

Lambert P. Hall.

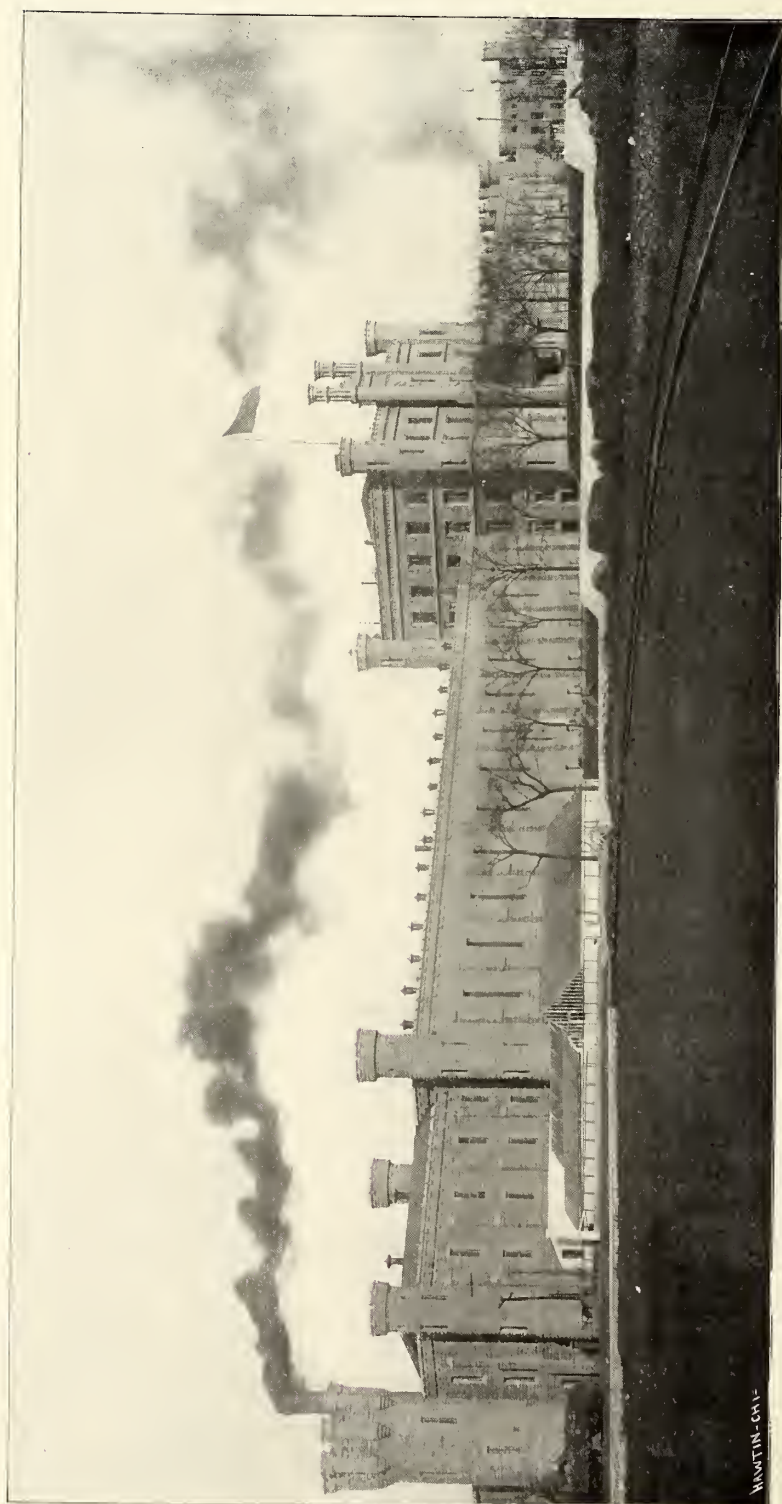
Lambert P. Hall, Assistant Deputy Warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary, holds the record for continuous service at that institution, having been connected with the prison officially since 1871. Captain Hall was born in St. Clairesville, Ohio, February 24, 1851 and came to Bureau County, Illinois, when ten years of age. Here he received his education and in 1871 was appointed wall guard at the Penitentiary, and then keeper, which position he held until 1884. In this year he was appointed cell house keeper and remained in that position until 1889 when he was appointed receiving and discharging officer. In 1891 he was appointed Assistant Deputy and has held that position ever since. Mr. Hall was married in 1875 to Sarah A. Spain and has four children. Mrs. Hall died in April, 1897. The fact that he has held positions at the Penitentiary since 1871, under administrations of all kinds, shows that he is a most exemplary and efficient officer and is highly regarded by his associates.

John D. Leland.

The Steward of the Illinois State Penitentiary has been connected with the Institution for nearly thirty years. Mr. Leland is a native of New York State, having been born in Niagara County, where he spent his boyhood. He came to Joliet in 1866 and assisted in putting down the first artesian well ever bored at the Prison. In 1867 he entered the service of the State as a keeper at the Prison. In 1870, while Elmer Washburn was Warden, Mr. Leland was appointed Steward and Purchasing Agent, and most of his life has been spent here since that date.

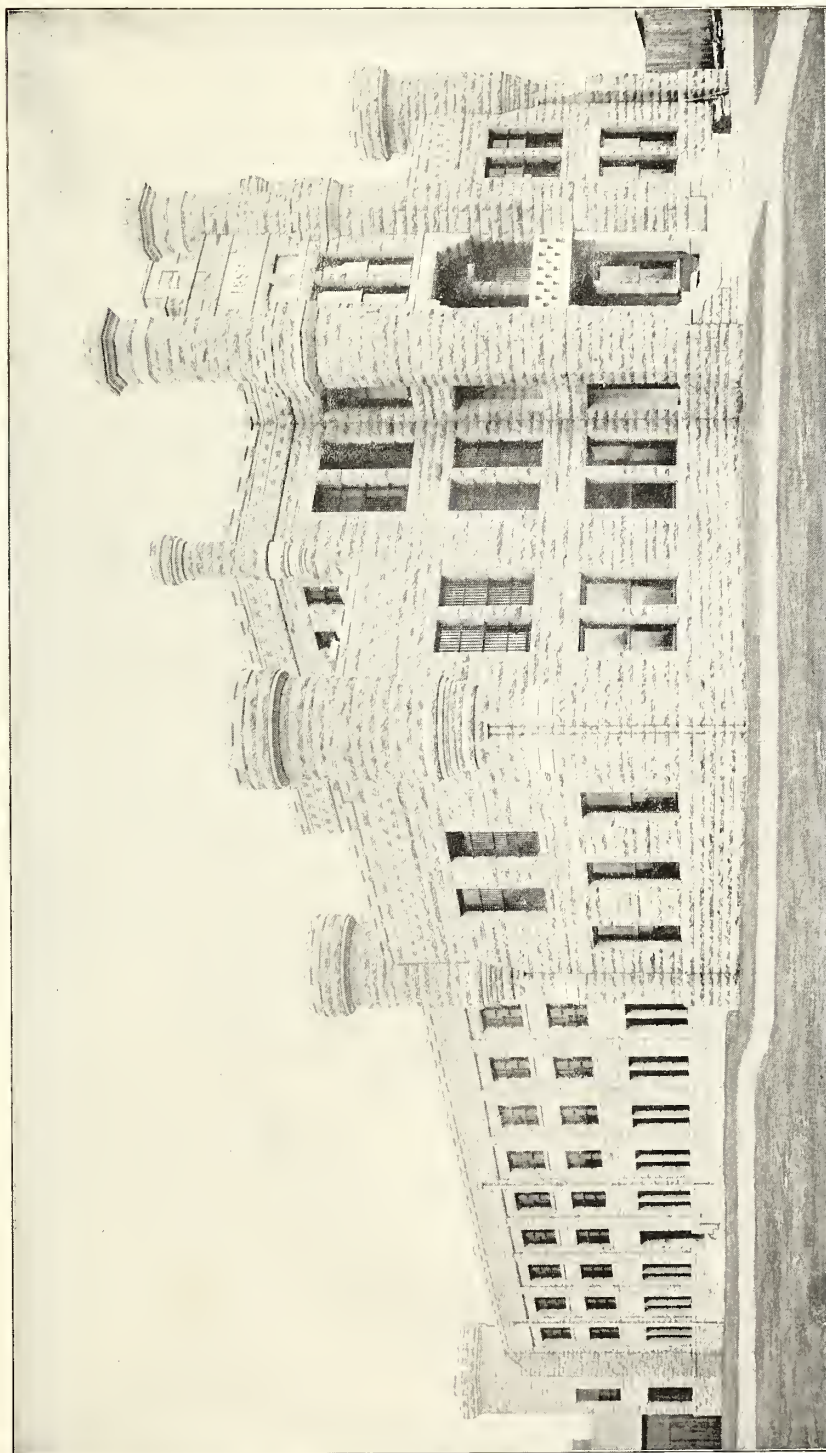


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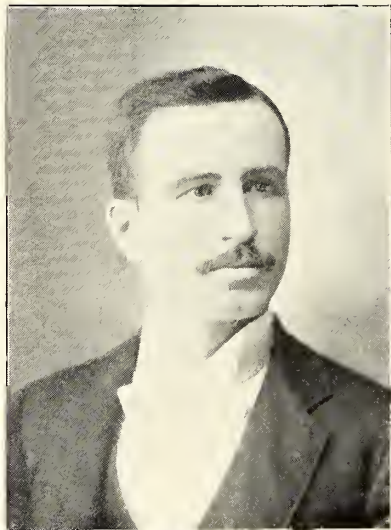
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WOMAN'S BUILDING—ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY.

A. W. Hays & Co.

A. W. Hays & Co. conduct one of the most successful businesses in the City of Joliet, being grocers and also dealers in building material and coal. They have three places of business, their grocery being at 302 North Chicago street in a building 100x22 feet with basement; their building material at 511 and 513 Cass street in a building 44x132; and their sewer pipe yard on Webster street and occupying the same space. The business in sewer pipe, lime, cement and brick has been especially large and there are few Joliet contractors who have not found it to their interest to patronize the firm.



A. W. HAYS.

Mr. Hays, the head of the firm was born in Chaumont, Jefferson County, N. Y., March 23, 1863, and his first business connection was with George Munroe & Son, whose employ he entered in 1876. He remained with this firm three years and then went to the Joliet Stone Company where he remained until 1887 when he established his present business. He has been extremely successful and like his partner, Werden Buck, enjoys the universal esteem of all who knew him.

Mr. Buck is a native of Will County, having been born in Manhattan, February 9th, 1869. His early education was received in the Joliet Public Schools, and his first business connection was formed in 1885 with Paige & Benson, where he remained until 1887 when he entered his present partnership. Mr. Buck has made an excellent business record in Joliet and is well liked socially.



WERDEN BUCK.

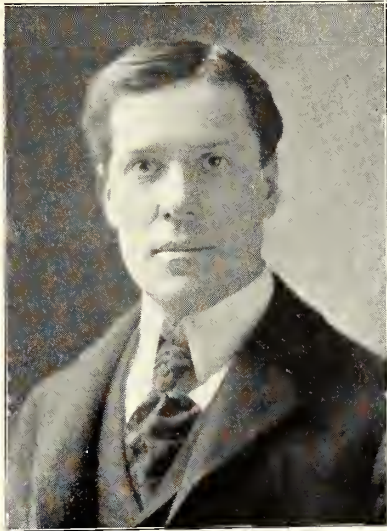


GEORGE POEHNER.

Poehner & Dillman.

An exceptionally well-known hardware firm in Joliet, and one which has a good reputation outside of the City, is that of Poehner & Dill-

man, composed of George Poehner and A. C. Dillman, whose place at 417 and 419 Cass street, a double store 44x135 feet, is practically known to everybody in Joliet. Both men are old residents of Joliet, Mr. Poehner, who was born in



A. C. DILLMAN.

Bamberg, Germany, in 1854, having been here since 1869; while Mr. Dillman, who is a native of Plainfield, Illinois, has resided here since 1863. Mr. Poehner attended the public and mechanical schools of Hamberg, and the education of Mr. Dillman was received at the Joliet High School. The present firm was established in 1890, although Mr. Poehner had been in business for himself in Joliet, in 1885, on VanBuren street, and had moved to Chicago street in 1887. Mr. Dillman bought a half interest in 1890, and in that year the firm moved to their present quarters.

The firm carries a most carefully selected stock of general hardware, builders' hardware, mechanics' tools and other articles of a similar nature and also controls the sale in Joliet of the stoves and ranges manufactured by the Joliet Stove Company. The firm also carries a large line of the very best makes of gas stoves and gasoline stoves. The shop is under the personal supervision of Mr. George Poehner. Mr. Poehner started at the hardware business in 1869, and there is no detail of the business with which he is not familiar. The firm employs a large force of the most skilled workmen and makes a specialty of plumbing and heating.

Poehner & Dillman enjoy one of the largest and most lucrative business of any firm in their line of business in Joliet. This is due to the fact that they carry the best goods, sell them at reasonable prices and will go considerable out of their way to please a customer. They have a most richly deserved reputation throughout the City for square dealing.

J. C. Adler, Sr.

Perhaps no meat firm in Joliet is better known than that of J. C. Adler & Co., which is composed of J. C. Adler, Sr., J. C. Adler, Jr., L. J. Adler and Dan P. Lennon. J. C. Adler, Sr., the senior member of the firm, was born in Prussia, Germania, March 17, 1836, and came with his parents to America two years later. In 1841 he came to Joliet and attended school in the old log school, the first which was built in the township and which is now only a memory



J. C. ADLER, SR.

to any but the oldest settlers. At the age of 22 he engaged in the grocery and provision business for about a year and then went to Pike's Peak, traveled over a large part of the west and returned to the butchering and stock business in Joliet,

which he has since successfully followed. Besides his meat business he is engaged in farming and raising, buying and shipping stock to the Chicago and Eastern markets. Mr. Adler was married in 1866 to Miss Emily Erhard, daughter of George Erhard, one of the pioneers of Will County. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are still living.



J. C. ADLER, JR.

J. C. Adler, Jr.

J. C. Adler, Jr., of the firm of J. C. Adler & Co., first entered his present business in 1892 when he became associated with his father, the firm name and style then being J. C. Adler & Son. He has remained in it continuously since and has evinced a remarkable aptitude for the business. Mr. Adler is a native of Joliet, having

been born here February 13, 1871. His early education was obtained in the public schools of this City and he later went to Niagara University, New York, and after remaining there for a short time attended Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Chicago. He left school in 1888 and went into the employ of Adler Brothers of this City and after the dissolution of the firm entered the firm of which his father was the senior member, as an employee and was made a partner in 1892. The present business was established by J. C. Adler Sr. in 1861, and the firm now occupies a building 150x44 at 110 and 112 Exchange street, and also has a slaughter house and stock farm one mile from the City on the Channahon road.

Mr. Adler was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Young, daughter of Mr. Henry Young, November 11, 1897.

Daniel P. Lennon.

Daniel P. Lennon, of the firm of J. C. Adler & Co., was born in Joliet, September 26, 1868, and is the son of John Lennon, the marble dealer, and is one of a family of eighteen children, two of whom are deceased. Mr. Lennon was educated at the Joliet public schools and then took a course in the Illinois College of Pharmacy, Chicago, receiving his diploma in



DANIEL P. LENNON.

1888. He was employed with E. M. Bray and H. A. Stillman, druggists, and in 1893 gave up his position with the latter firm to take an interest in the Exchange street market of J. C. Adler & Son. Mr. Lennon was married August



L. J. ADLER.

25, 1892, to Louise M., eldest daughter of J. C. Adler Sr., and two sons grace their home. Mr. Lennon is one of the most popular business men on the street. He is prominent socially and in athletics was a member of the famous base ball team of the Lennon brothers. His business reputation is spotless and he has proved a valuable addition to the firm with which he is at present connected.

L. J. Adler.

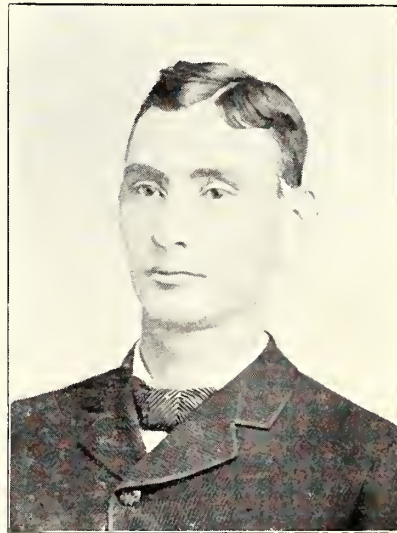
L. J. Adler, the youngest member of the firm of J. C. Adler & Co., was born in Joliet, April 4, 1873, and received his early education at the St. John's parochial school and at the public schools of the City. He afterwards attended the Joliet High School and then attended

Niagara University, New York. Upon leaving the University, he took a position with J. C. Adler & Co. as salesman, and was made a partner in the firm January 1, 1897. Although a young man, Mr. Adler has already proven himself to be a level headed business man and is much esteemed by those with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Adler is the fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Adler Sr., and has been a resident of Joliet all his life except when attending the University.

Ford & Kelly.

The well-known hardware firm of Ford & Kelly, composed of Hugh Ford and John T. Kelly, whose place of business is on Cass street, is one of the best examples in Joliet of what two comparatively young men can accomplish when they set about it with a will. Their specialty in contractor's supplies, but they are also dealers in general hardware of which they have one of the largest and most carefully selected stocks in the City, and in addition do plumbing, steam and gas fitting, tinning and everything else in the same general line. They have been established since 1891 and during this time have built their business up until they have a trade which is one of the largest in the City in their line of business.

Ford & Kelly are enterprising and spare no pains or expense to have the newest and best things in the market in their stock, and this fact is appreciated by their



HUGH FORD.



JOHN T. KELLY.

customers. Both are very genial, companionable gentlemen and are as popular socially as they are in a business way. Mr. Kelly is a prominent member of the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen.

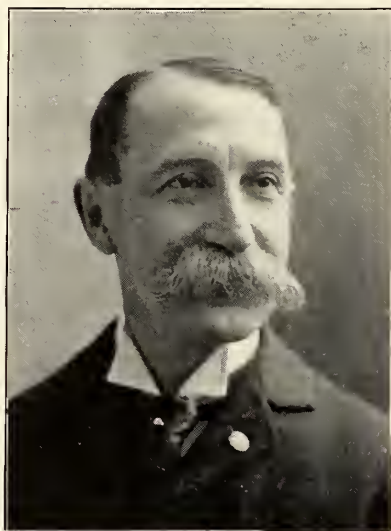
E. E. Howard.

E. E. Howard, perhaps the best known insurance agent in Joliet, was born September 15, 1845, at Milford, Mass., and attended the common schools of that city until he was fifteen years of age, when sickness and the death of his father compelled him to leave school to assist in supporting the family. Before he was nineteen, he joined the Boston Fusileers and was mustered out in July, 1865, by the close of the war.

During the war he served at Fort Lincoln, Md., and also at Fort Albany, Runyon and Barnard, Va. Mr. Howard was instructor at the Sing Sing State Prison for eight years and at the Joliet Prison for seven years, and went into the insurance business in 1883 with W. G. Wood, and at Mr. Wood's death in 1890 succeeded to the agency which is the oldest and largest insurance agency in Will County, having been established since 1856. Mr. Howard served as quartermaster of Powell Post, G. A. R., at Sing Sing, New York, for a number of years, and is one of the charter members of Bartleson Post, G. A. R., at Joliet.

Besides the G. A. R., Mr. Howard is a member of several other societies. He is a thirty-second degree Mason has served as secretary of Matteson Lodge, No. 175, A. F. & A. M., as secretary of Joliet Chapter, R. A. M., and as recorder of Joliet Commandery Knights Templar, of all of which he is now a member, as also of Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S. and of Medinah Temple, A. A. O., Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Howard represents no company whose assets are less than \$1,000,000, and has the strongest of American and Foreign fire insurance companies. Among them are included, with the assets of each, the following: Aetna, \$11,000,000; Philadelphia Underwriters, \$15,000,000; Home, \$10,000,000; Franklin, \$3,000,000; Hamburg Bremen, \$1,500,000; North British and Mercantile, \$4,000,000; Hartford, \$10,000,000; Imperial, \$2,000,000; Lancashire, \$2,500,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$9,000,000; Insurance Co., North America, \$9,800,000; Northwestern National, \$2,100,000; Pennsylvania,

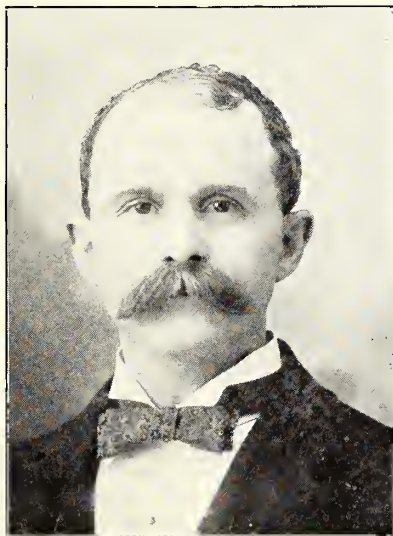


E. E. HOWARD.

\$4,500,000; National 4, \$4,000,000; Niagara 2, \$2,300,000; N. Y. Underwriters, \$10,000,000; Palatine, \$3,000,000; Queen, \$4,000,000; Royal, \$7,500,000; Springfield, \$4,000,000; Western, \$2,000,000; Union, \$1,250,000; Traveler's Life and Accident, \$10,000,000. Mr. Howard is also the agent for the Hartford Steam Boiler, New York Plate Glass Insurance Companies. His agency represents \$131,000,000 assets. It is useless to say that with this line of first-class companies all leases are promptly paid. Since Mr. Howard's connection with the agency the business has quadrupled.

Charles F. Pinneo.

Charles F. Pinneo, the well-known Chicago street grocer, is one of the pioneers of Will County, having been the son of the late Charles Pinneo, who was born in 1808, and who came to Will County in 1844. Charles F. Pinneo was born on his father's farm at Reed's Grove, October 18, 1851, and there his youth was passed. As he became older he grew to dislike farming and when a young man moved to Verona, where he engaged in the hotel business, where he remained until 1881, then coming to Joliet where he accepted a position as clerk until 1883 when he formed a partnership in the grocery business with C. H. Merrill, the firm name being Merrill & Pinneo. After a period of eight months he sold his interest to Merrill Brothers and went into business for himself and has conducted a grocery in Joliet ever since. Mr. Pinneo is at present the proprietor of one of the largest groceries in the City, the building being 22x110 feet on North Chicago street and also conducts a large grocery and meat market at 103 and 105 Gardner street. His business has been most successful from the start and is constantly increasing. He is a hard worker, knows every detail of the business thoroughly and leaves nothing undone to supply his customers with the best the market affords at the price. This fact has come to be well understood by his patrons, and as a result he does a business which is most lucrative. His reputation for fair dealing with all is most enviable and is one such as is enjoyed by few persons.



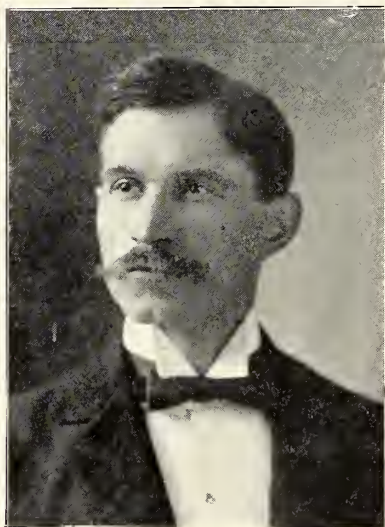
CHARLES F. PINNEO.

It is not, however, alone in a business way that Mr. Pinneo is well liked in Joliet. This is evidenced by the honors which have been conferred upon him by the various societies of which he is a member. He is a trustee of Paul Revere Lodge, Knights of Pythias; is the treasurer of the Uniform Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and is a trustee of the Richards Street Methodist Church.

Mr. Pinneo's father and mother came to Will County in 1844 from Nova Scotia. His father died in 1879, and his mother in 1888. Charles F. Pinneo is one of a family of eleven children.

William M. Parks.

William M. Parks, the grocer at 423 Cass street, was born March 14, 1867, at Wesley, Ill., and came to Joliet when a young man. His father was James Parks and his mother was Agnes (Wilson) Parks. His early education was re-



ceived in the common schools of Wesley Township, and when but a youth he entered the grocery store of Carson & Peteron, in Joliet. He remained with this firm until he had mastered the business and in 1888 started out for himself and has since conducted his own business. Mr. Parks carries a fine line of staple and fancy groceries and has a trade which is constantly increasing. He makes a specialty of the finest goods and this fact is well recognized by his customers. Mr. Parks was married November 30, 1892, to Mary Bovee and the couple have one child, John William Parks. The family live in a pleasant home at 127 Blackman avenue, Joliet.

Frank Harrison.

WILLIAM M. PARKS.

Frank Harrison, practical plumber of the firm of Harrison & Elwood, with offices at 638 Jefferson street, is probably as expert a man in his business as could be found in Joliet, or anywhere near Joliet for that matter. He has been in the business for more than twenty-five years, ever since he was a boy and there is no detail of the business which he has not thoroughly mastered. He was born in Lancashire, England, but has been in this country many years and came to Joliet more than five years ago and has been continuously in the plumbing business in this City ever since.

Mr. Harrison makes a specialty of sanitary plumbing and hot water heating, and has been unusually successful in both branches of the business. His work invariably gives excellent satisfaction and is most highly recommended by all who have employed Mr. Harrison. He will be pleased to furnish references from the best people of Joliet as to his quality of the work and his knowledge of the business.

Among the houses which have been recently filled with hot water heating apparatus by Mr. Harrison are those of Captain Phelps, of Joliet, and of Mrs. S. A. Robinson and D. C. Baldwin, of Lockport. He also fitted the House of Max



FRANK HARRISON.

Goldberg of Joliet with heating and plumbing. Mr. Harrison has also in connection with his sanitary appliances the automatic deoderizing closet which does away with all disagreeable odors both with or without sewerage which is of great value in the sick room. This appliance is highly recommended by physicians.



JOHN B. MOUNT.

John B. Mount, the druggist at 702 Washington street, and one of the most prominent men socially, politically and in a business way in Joliet, is still a young man, having been born in Jacksonville, Ill., in 1859. His education was received at the public schools and at Whipple Academy, and after leaving school he entered a Jacksonville drug store as a clerk. He remained at Jacksonville until 1882 when he started for himself at the corner of Jefferson and Chicago streets, Joliet, and in this location he remained thirteen years. In 1895 he bought and removed to his present location at 702 Washington street, where he has since remained. Mr. Mount has been prominent in politics during his residence in Joliet and has done some excellent work. He was elected assistant supervisor four terms and while serving in this capacity it was largely through his efforts that the jail property was given its present slightly appearance. He has also been City Treasurer and made a remarkable run for Mayor last year but was defeated. Mr. Mount is married and has an interesting family.

Joseph F. Lennon.

Dr. Joseph F. Lennon, the well-known veterinary surgeon, was born in Joliet, November 29, 1866, and received his early education in the public schools of Joliet. After leaving these he attended the Chicago Veterinary College and in 1891 opened a veterinary office at 210 North Desplaines street. He understands his business thoroughly and is spoken of very highly by the various horsemen who have employed him. In more than one case he has completely cured horses which were apparently hopelessly sick and has had excellent success throughout his practice.

Dr. Lennon comes of a family very well-known in Joliet, being one of the sixteen children of John Lennon, the well-known marble dealer, and a brother of the famous ball players of that name. Like the others of his family he is a genial, companionable man and is popular socially as well as in a professional way.



JOSEPH F. LENNON.

John F. Quinn.



JOHN F. QUINN.

John F. Quinn, at present the City Treasurer of Joliet, is a native of Winchester, Va., where he was born in 1853, and his parents soon after moved to Cumberland, Md., where, when he reached sufficient age, Mr. Quinn went into the rolling mill business in which he remained for many years. In 1872 he came to Joliet and at once took a leading position among his fellow workmen. He organized the first Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers in this City, which was known as Stone City Lodge No. 4. For a little more than ten years he remained in the rolling mills and at the time he left the business he was the vice-president of the amalgamated association of this district. After leaving the rolling mills he removed to Aurora where he remained until 1889 and since that time has been in business in Joliet. Mr. Quinn has been prominent in local politics for a number of years and has been chairman of the Democratic city committee. He was elected to his present office in the spring of 1897 and has proved a most exemplary official. Mr. Quinn was married in 1880 to Miss Mary Downey, one of the most popular school teachers of Joliet, and takes great pleasure in his home relations.

John Theiler.

John Theiler, father of the Theiler Brothers who keep the grocery store on Bluff street, is one of the pioneers of Joliet and has been a resident of the City since 1850. He was born in Switzerland in 1829, and when a young man he came to this country, soon coming to Joliet where he opened the grocery, now conducted by his sons, in 1857. His store was at that time on North Hickory street and was moved to its present location in 1862. Mr. Theiler has always been prosperous in business and in 1892 found himself in such a position that he was able to retire from active business which he turned over to his sons. Mr. Theiler has always been known as one of Joliet's progressive business men and has twice been elected alderman of his wards. He is a prominent member of the Joliet Schutzen Verein and of the Joliet Saengerbund. Mr. Theiler is the father of five children, two sons and three daughters. They are John and Joseph Theiler, Mrs. John Scheidt, Mrs. Casper Wanner and Miss Lizzie Theiler.



JOHN THEILER.

The Joliet Dry Goods Company.

The Joliet Dry Goods Company from its very birth into the business world has carried a prestige which few houses of its kind can boast of, and has gained the confidence of the public to such an extent that if it voices a statement through the columns of the newspapers or otherwise, that statement is immediately taken for granted because it is backed by the worth of the Joliet Dry Goods Company.

There are many reasons for the gratifying success attended by this sterling dry goods mart. Its managers are honest with the people themselves. They never misrepresent goods nor price. Again, they always have in stock almost every article imaginable necessary to the dry goods trade. Aside from these potent factors in trade building the vast power of price has brought many patrons to the door of the Joliet Dry Goods store. The Joliet Dry Goods Company is a member of a great stock company which controls many similar stores in different



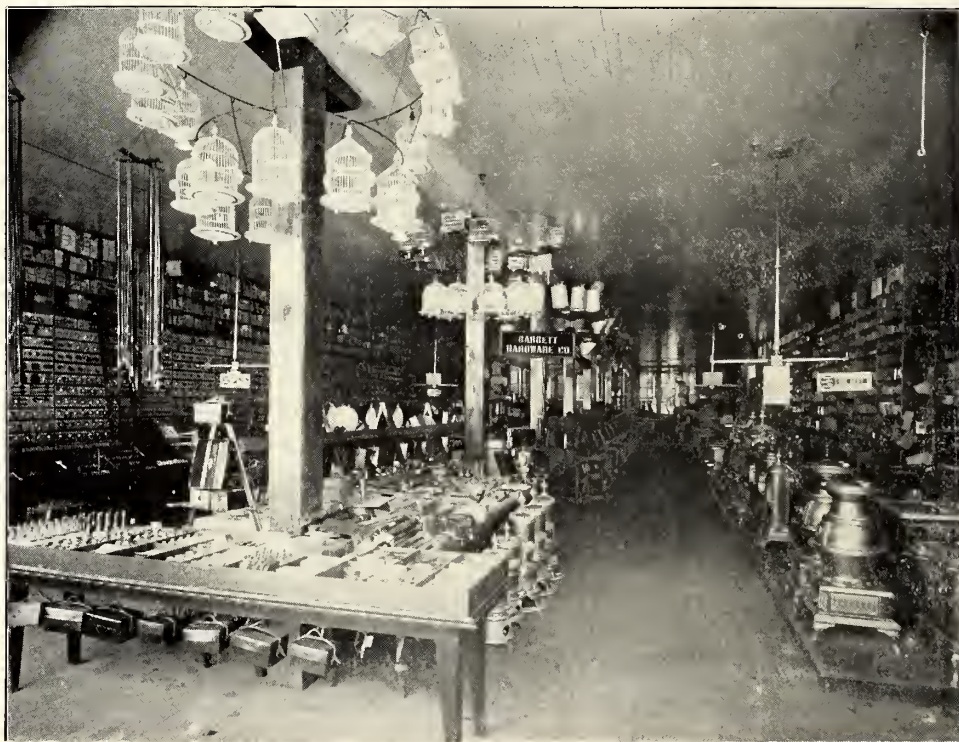
parts of the country. This gigantic concern has in its employ a number of keen, shrewd buyers who continually scour the markets of America and Europe for good things in trade. And in ordinary buying they purchase in such mammoth quantities that they are enabled to command prices as low as the wholesalers and sometimes lower.

The store has conclusively demonstrated the fallacy of Joliet people purchasing in Chicago. While State street may furnish much larger stocks to prospective purchasers, its quality and variety cannot excel that to be found at the Joliet Dry Goods store, and as to price it is beyond dispute or question that purchasers can do better right here at home. It has ever been the aim of the Joliet Dry Goods Company to make this so; and that it is so anyone who has investigated the matter can testify. Under the able management of Messrs. Lee, Sutherland and Morrison, this great institution has unlimited possibilities.

The Barrett Hardware Company.

Probably the best known of the hardware merchants of Joliet, and certainly the one whose business can be favorably compared with that of any other firm engaged in the same business is the Barrett Hardware Company who occupy two floors and the basement at 218 and 220 North Chicago street. They carry a very full and complete line of builder's and other hardware and their goods have the reputation of being the best which can be obtained. Their place of business is large and roomy and they have a reputation for honest dealing which is most enviable.

The business was established in rather a small way in 1851 by W. F. Barrett, the father of the two men who at present are the officers of the company and has



INTERIOR VIEW OF BARRETT HARDWARE COMPANY.

constantly increased, having been uninterruptedly successful. In 1891 the business had grown to such an extent that it was deemed wise to incorporate it, and incorporation papers were taken out with John O. Barrett as president and Edward C. Barrett secretary and treasurer, which has since been the order of the company. Both gentlemen are widely known and universally respected.

John O. Barrett, the president of the company was born in Joliet in the same year in which his father established the business and received his education at the Joliet Public Schools. In 1867 he entered his father's store where he has since remained and is one of the oldest hardware dealers in the city.

George H. and Edwin S. Munroe.

Probably there is no firm in Joliet more widely or more favorably known and the members of which are more highly respected than the real estate and banking firm of George H. and Edwin S. Munroe. The sketch of the life of George H. Munroe appears in another part of this volume. His brother, Edwin S. Munroe, the junior member of the firm, was born in Illinois in 1857 and after attending the common schools took a course of study in the Northwestern University. After leaving college he traveled for fifteen years for John Roper & Co. and Reid Murdoch & Co., wholesale grocers of Chicago, and in 1896 the present firm succeeded



HOTEL MUNROE BLOCK.

the firm of George Munroe and Son, which was established in 1865. Their business consists of making mortgage loans, buying and selling real estate, writing insurance and conducting a savings bank. The banking office is handsomely located in the Hotel Munroe Building and does a very large business.

Both of the members of the firm have the highest degree of confidence in the public and their word on the value of a piece of property is accepted without question. In making investments they are ultra-conservative and in no case has money been lost which has been intrusted to them for investment.

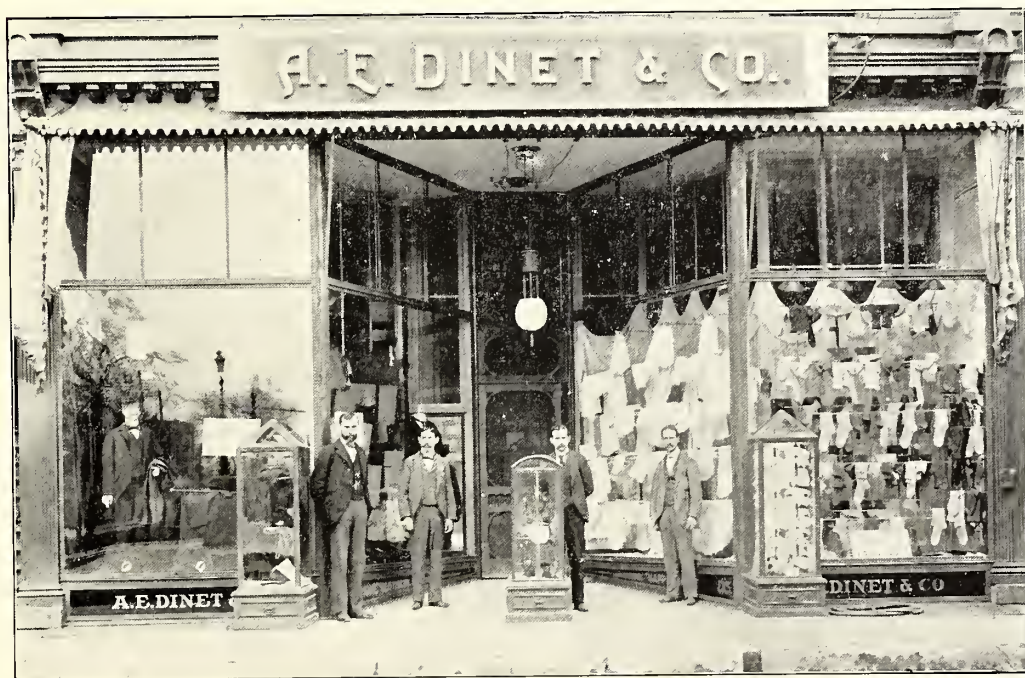
Edwin S. Munroe served for fourteen years in the Illinois National Guard, retiring with the rank of major. He is also a prominent member of the Ottawa Street Methodist Church.



CUTTING BUILDING.

Augustus E. Dinet.

One of the most successful and one of the most popular of the retail business men of Joliet is Augustus E. Dinet, the clothing merchant at 309 and 311 Jefferson street. Mr. Dinet started business in Joliet nearly twenty years ago and has been here continuously since except a short time which he spent in Odell, Ill. Between nine and ten years ago he entered upon his present business, and since that time his trade has continually grown until it is not surpassed and probably not equalled by any other clothing house in the City. Mr. Dinet's success is due to the fact that he has always and at all times taken pains to have goods which were well worth the money asked for them, honest goods well made, and this fact can



A. E. DINET & COMPANY.

not be better emphasized than by his standing offer "We keep in repair free of charge any suit we sell for a year." Mr. Dinet can well make this offer and it is seldom indeed that any of his customers are compelled to avail themselves of it.

In addition to his large and carefully selected stock of clothing, Mr. Dinet carries a full line of furnishing goods and his trade in this line is also very large. Patrons of his place of business may always be sure of courteous treatment and fair dealing, and once a customer always a customer is the rule with him.

Personally Mr. Dinet is one of the most genial and approachable of men. Although he has never actively engaged in politics he takes a keen interest in all public matters and is one of the most progressive business men in the City. He has a pleasant home on Western avenue.

The Illinois Steel Company.

Joliet's greatest manufacturing plant, and the one that has done most toward making the City a really great industrial center, is the branch of the Illinois Steel Company, located on the northern edge of the City. Since its origin as an iron rail mill in 1870 the works have profited by many changes and additions, so that at present the plant holds second place among western steel works, being exceeded in size alone by the monster works of the same Company at South Chicago.

The works were operated by the Joliet Steel Company until 1889, when that Company consolidated with a number of other steel works, forming the Illinois Steel Company. At that time the chief product was steel rails, but improvements have since been made allowing the works a greater diversity of product,



ILLINOIS STEEL COMPANY—LOOKING EAST.

such as billets, angle bars, tinplate bars, wire rods, merchant bars and shapes, and track material of all kinds.

Three blast furnaces supply a large portion of the iron consumed by the Bessemer converting works, either in the shape of pig iron or molten metal, the ore, coke and limestone being shipped to Joliet from the Company's own properties in the north and east respectively.

In the Converting Works or "Steel Mill" the pig iron and other materials are melted in six large cupolas, then blown in two ten-ton vessels and otherwise subjected to the Bessemer process, when in the shape of steel ingots they are drawn over narrow-gauge tracks to the Billett Mill, there to be rolled into one or more of the hundred shapes of billets or bars in the repertory of this Mill.

Most of the billets made travel over an elevated conveyor to the Rod Mill, where they are charged while still red hot into heating furnaces, from which they

are rolled into rods. It will be seen, therefore, that from the time the metal was dumped into the Blast Furnaces in the shape of iron ore to the time it emerges from the Rod Mill a coil of finished rod it has never been allowed to cool below a red heat; an advantage possessed by no other plant in existence.

In the Twin Rod Mill Joliet is proud to boast the largest Rod Mill in the world. As originally designed and built by the Joliet Steel Company in 1888 the mill consisted of a single Garrett mill, but in 1895 this mill was duplicated, both mills being supplied, however, by the same furnaces and continuous roughing train of rolls.

A large Merchant Mill is also one of the recent additions, and in connection with it a factory for the production of steel railway spikes, bolts and nuts, rivets, etc., in endless variety.



ILLINOIS STEEL COMPANY—BLAST FURNACES NO. 1 & 2.

The magnitude of the works as a whole may be judged by the fact that more than three hundred carloads of material are received daily, and a proportionate amount of finished product leaves the plant each day. To handle this business the Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern Railway has ample equipment. The plant is also equipped with its own machine shop, boiler shop, blacksmith shop, foundry, carpenter shop, laboratory, store, etc., making the works practically independent of outside help. The Illinois Steel Company operate five large plants, three being located in Chicago, one in Milwaukee and one in Joliet. The officers are: John W. Gates, president; Charles H. Foote, first vice-president; William P. Palmer, second vice-president; William R. Walker, general manager; William A. Green, secretary; William H. Thompson, treasurer; and A. M. Crane, general sales agent. Charles L. Miller is general superintendent of the Joliet Works.

Laidlaw Bale Tie Company.

W. A. Laidlaw, sole owner of the Laidlaw Bale Tie Company, resides in Kansas City, Mo., where the main offices of the Company are located, and most of his time is spent there looking after his business interests in a general way.



W. A. LAIDLAW,
OWNER OF LAIDLAW BALE TIE COMPANY.

He started in the manufacturing business fifteen years ago, the first eight years of which were spent in manufacturing agricultural implements, in Cherokee, Kansas, but making a specialty of haying machinery and bale ties. During the year 1890 he disposed of his interests in the manufacturing line at this place, and immediately started a factory at Kansas City, Mo., manufacturing bale ties exclusively. His business increased so rapidly that two years later he found it necessary to establish a branch factory at St. Paul, Minn., and early in 1895 started another branch factory at Cincinnati, Ohio, thus covering a large territory which resulted in his business assuming such proportions that it became advisable to concentrate the manufacturing at one point and distribute from the others. After

looking over a large number of locations he finally decided that Joliet was the most desirable for his manufacturing plant. October, 1895, this Company purchased the mill formerly known as the Clark & Windsor Spring Mill, taking possession January 1st, 1896. They at once moved their entire Cincinnati plant and a large portion of the machinery from the Kansas City and St. Paul plant to Joliet, and after extensive improvements were made by remodeling the mill and adding a large amount of new and improved machinery, particularly adapted for manufacturing their line of goods, putting up several new buildings, the mill was put in operation April 1st, 1896, and has run steady day and night ever since, with the exception of ten days in January of the present year, during which time needed repairs were made. The principal products of this mill is bale ties, although they manufacture nails, staples, box straps, plain fence wire, bright wire, and annealed steel baling wire.

One of the principal features of this mill is the wire drawing department, where the wires are drawn down to proper sizes and peculiar shapes of wire, suitable for manufacturing into the finished products. The consumption of rods is six thousand tons per annum, and their out-



A. T. WEAVER,
MANAGER LAIDLAW BALE TIE COMPANY.

put of bale ties is the largest of any concern in the world. Their bale tie capacity at this time is one-half million ties daily. The machinery used for this purpose is entirely automatic, receiving the wire in coils, and turning out the ties completed and counted out in bundles of 250 ties each, and is the only successful working automatic machinery ever constructed for this purpose.

Mr. Laidlaw owns a number of valuable patents on bale tie machinery, all of which are the results of his own invention. He invented the first successful power automatic bale tie machine ever produced, and is now reaping the reward of his knowledge and energy in this line.

The Laidlaw Bale Tie Company is one of Joliet's new and most substantial manufacturing concerns and one that we may justly feel proud of, as the record



LAILAW BALE TIE COMPANY PLANT.

made by this Company is one of the best, if not the best of any of the manufacturing industries in our City. From one hundred to one hundred and fifty men are given steady employment in this mill, and as nearly all of the work requires expert labor, good wages are paid. This combined with the steady operation of this mill combines to make it one of Joliet's most substantial manufacturing institutions. The main offices of this Company are located at Kansas City, Mo. They also have a branch house at St. Paul, Minn. Their business extends throughout all parts of the United States, Canada and Old Mexico.

A. T. Weaver, manager of the Laidlaw Bale Tie Company, has been with this Company since they started operations east of the Mississippi river, having the management of their Cincinnati, Ohio, branch in 1895, and afterwards the management of their Joliet mill, which position he is now holding.

The McKenna Steel Working Company.

One of the newest, but also one of the most important of the industries of Joliet is that of the McKenna Steel Working Company, the plant of which firm was built last spring and has now been in operation for several months. The business of the Company is the re-rolling of old and supposedly worn out steel rails, and the business of the plant will eventually save the railroads of the company thousands of dollars annually.

E. W. McKenna, the president of the Company, has been a railroad man for many years and in the performance of his duties his attention was attracted to the very large number of rails which annually had to be replaced. As a result he made a study of the matter and found that the rails were not really worn out but that the metal was displaced. He soon invented a process for re-rolling the rails



THE MCKENNA STEEL WORKING COMPANY'S PLANT.

and interested a stock company in the matter. A mill in Chicago was leased for the experiment which was found to be perfectly successful and a permanent plant was established at Joliet. The plant consists of four buildings constructed entirely of steel and its cost was \$110,000. The capacity of the plant is about 1600 rails a day and the Company employs 225 men.

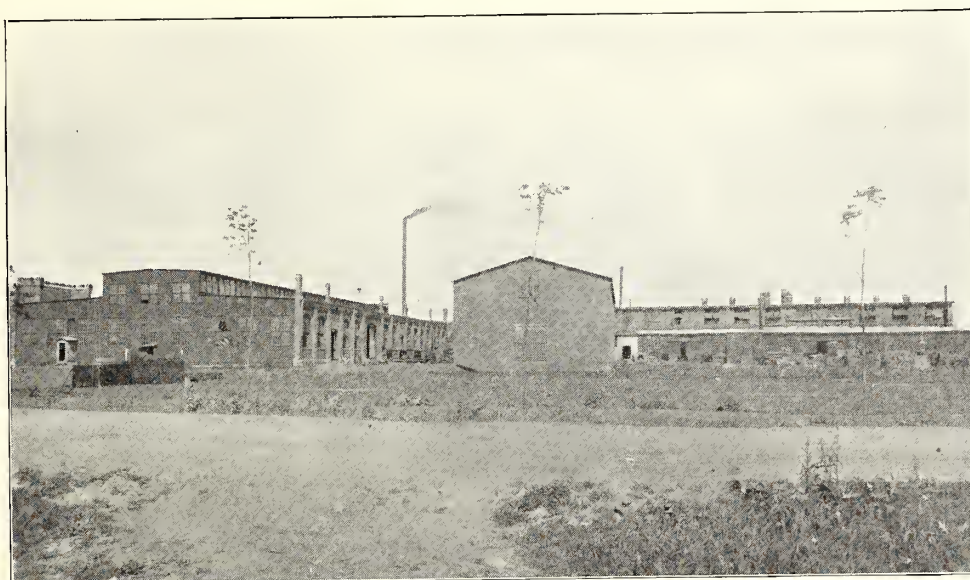
The invention of Mr. McKenna is regarded as the most important advance in the art of rail making which has been made for many years and means a great saving to the railroads. No process of renovating rails has before been discovered and when a rail was worn out it was thereafter useless as a rail.

The general offices of the Company are in Milwaukee. E. W. McKenna is the president, and the superintendent of the Joliet plant is D. H. Lentz.

The Bates Machine Company.

The following cut shows a partial view of one of the largest and most important industries of Joliet, that of the Bates Machine Company, which employs 175 skilled mechanics and which manufactures the well known Bates-Corliss engine and heavy band and fly-wheels. The Bates-Corliss engine has attracted much attention and received many favorable comments on account of its simplicity of construction and consequent durability.

In connection with the engine is manufactured the Cookson Combined Feed-water Heater, Purifier, Filter, Oil Separator and Condensation Receiver. This is the only automatic heater and receiver on the market. It is of the open type and conceded by all to be the most efficient heater and purifier known.



THE BATES MACHINE COMPANY.

The Bates Machine Company also has a world-wide reputation among the wire industries, being foremost in designing and manufacturing machinery for the production of wire; among which can be mentioned annealing, drawing, galvanizing and barbing machinery, also nail and woven wire fence machines.

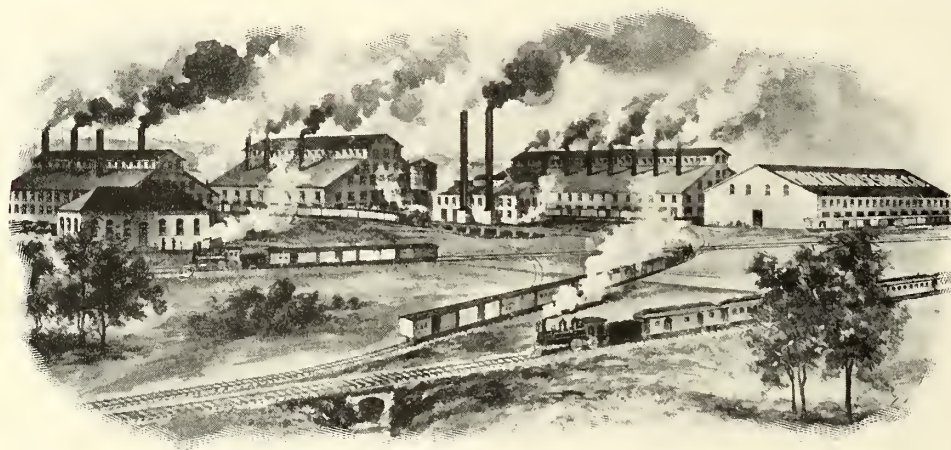
The firm was organized in 1885 and became incorporated in 1888 as the Bates Machine Company. The capital stock of the company was \$20,000, and has since been increased to \$100,000. It also has a surplus of \$100,000 and has an annual pay roll of \$100,000. Its plant is located on Jackson street at the east limits of the City, the works covering five acres.

The product of this company is sent throughout the entire United States, Mexico, Japan, South Africa, France and Germany.

The officers of the company are: Joseph Winterbotham, president; J. G. Mott, vice-president; E. E. Wolcott, secy.; W. O. Bates, treas. and gen. manager.

The Phoenix Horse Shoe Company.

The Phoenix Horse Shoe Company, Manufacturers of Horse and Mule Shoes. The date at which horses were first shod with metal shoes has never been satisfactorily determined, although it is conceded to have been early in the world's history. Machinery, especially constructed for the purpose, has superseded to a great extent the manufacture of horse shoes by hand; and although there will be a certain proportion of shoes made by hand always used, a perfect machine-made shoe will constantly command a ready sale, because of the uniform shape, accurate fullering and punching, and because it saves both time and money. The Phoenix Horse Shoe Company, whose rolling mills and factories are at Poughkeepsie, New York, and Joliet, Illinois, are manufacturing horse and mule shoes of perfect shape, finish and quality, and their mills and factories are actively engaged in filling orders from all parts of the country. Their shoes are pronounced by shoers in general to be superior to anything yet produced. They resemble



THE PHOENIX HORSE SHOE COMPANY.

exactly the most popular hand-made shoes, while being most uniformly reliable. The Phoenix shoe is of standard quality, easily worked cold or hot, and is everywhere becoming the favorite. That the Phoenix shoes are the best yet produced is evidenced by the fact that a majority of manufacturers have tried to imitate them. This company is incorporated under the laws of Illinois, with a capital of \$1,500,000, and is officered as follows, viz: Chas. Miller, president; E. H. Miller, secretary and treasurer. These gentlemen have carefully studied the subject of horse shoeing in all its details, and have in the Phoenix shoes embodied the ideas of the most experienced and practical farriers and blacksmiths. The output of the works averages 1600 kegs per day, and employment is given to 400 men at Poughkeepsie and 300 at Joliet. All give the company the benefit of their practical knowledge and close personal attention, and are promoting its interests with energy, discrimination and brilliant success. The company occupy five large buildings, all of steel and stone, consisting of the big mill 156x115 feet and small mill 144x121; two horse shoe buildings, one 200x70 and the other 150x65; store

house 200x80 feet. The engines and boilers of the plant here consist of 1 Porter Allen engine of 1000 horse power, 4 Porter-Allen engines of 350 horse power each and 1 Porter-Allen engine of 250 horse power; 3 large Babcock & Wilcox boilers in addition to 3 60 inch flue boilers over the furnaces. All machinery of the latest improved patterns, the horse shoe machinery being from the company's own designs. Over 130 different sizes and patterns of shoes in both iron and steel.

Joliet Bridge and Iron Company.

One of the most lively and flourishing industries to be found in Joliet is that of the Joliet Bridge and Iron Company, which was organized in 1896 with a capital of \$50,000. The head of the company, Robert C. Morrison, who is its president and treasurer, has had fourteen years experience in the business and is as well qualified as any man in the United States to superintend the construction of large bridges. He has been a contractor and bridge builder since 1883 and he was instrumental in organizing the company which was incorporated in the early part of 1896, when the present plant was built. The company built the red mill



THE JOLIET BRIDGE AND IRON COMPANY.

bridge and a 160 foot span across the Mackinaw river in Tazewell County and is now building a bridge across the DuPage river in Will County. The company builds a standard line of bridges and structural work and has built, since the present plant was constructed, about 200 bridges. The company does about a \$100,000 business annually and employs about seventy-five skilled hands.

The plant of the company is on the west side of Collins street just north of the Illinois State Penitentiary. It is a large concern and is supplied with all of the latest machinery for the construction of bridge material. The principal business of the company is to design and build steel bridges of every description.

The Joliet Pure Ice Company.

One of the most lately established, but one of the strongest and most flourishing of Joliet industries is that of the Joliet Pure Ice Company, dealers in coal and dealers in and manufacturers of artificial ice. The company was organized in 1896 and the plant was started in operation in July of the same year. The men connected with the company are all men of capital and men whose names command respect, and as a consequence the business of the company has been very large from the first. The ice manufactured there is guaranteed absolutely pure and the company supplies more ice than all the Joliet dealers. The water



THE JOLIET PURE ICE COMPANY.

from which it is made is the purest distilled water in which not the slightest impurity can be found and the ice is perfect as far as purity is concerned. The annual output of the plant is about 12,000 tons.

The Pure Ice Company also does an immense coal business, probably greater than that of all other dealers in Joliet. For several months their sales have averaged about 4000 tons a month including both the bituminous and anthracite varieties. The company employs forty hands and fourteen teams and its capital is \$35,000. The members of the company are A. J. Bates, president and treasurer; T. H. Riley, vice-president; C. E. Woodruff, secretary and general manager; W. M. Cochrane, Jay I. Gaskill and James G. Heggie, directors.

The plant of the company is on East Cass street, near Manning avenue.

M. Calmer & Son.

Perhaps no firm is better known to the citizens of Joliet than the dry goods house of M. Calmer & Son, the partners being M. and Howard Calmer. Their



M. CALMER & SON, DRY GOODS, ETC.

place of business is at 215 and 217 Jefferson street, where they occupy three floors 40x132 feet in size. The three floors are given over entirely to merchandise, the crockery and china departments in the basement, general dry goods on the main

floor and carpets, cloaks and millinery on the second floor. A splendidly equipped elevator was recently introduced so that the patrons of the firm can go from one floor to the other with no trouble.

The business was started in 1868 by M. Calmer, on the south side of Jefferson street, nearly opposite the site of the present store and has been in existence continuously ever since. The present quarters have been enlarged and re-modeled from time to time until the firm has one of the largest and best lighted stores in the state. Their stock is always carefully selected, their goods are honest and their prices are right. The business has proven a lucrative one for this reason and the custom of the firm is increasing every day.

M. Calmer, the senior member of the firm, is one of the best known of Joliet's business men, and is either a director or the president of many of Joliet's most prosperous business enterprises. He is the president of the Joliet Sheet Rolling Mill Company and of the South Park Syndicate; and is a director of the Will County National Bank and of the Mutual Loan and Home Association. He was formerly the commander of the local post of the G. A. R., and was the City Treasurer of Joliet for a term. He has also served in the Council as Alderman from the Seventh Ward and is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

Arthur C. Clement.

There are few business men in Joliet better known and there is none more widely respected than Arthur C. Clement, senior member of the firm of Clement & Chaney. Mr. Clement has lived all his life in Joliet, having been born January 16, 1852, in the first frame house ever built in the City, and his business transactions have amounted to thousands of dollars. His judgment of the value of real estate is looked upon as being authoritative and he occupies a most enviable position in the business circles of his native City.

Mr. Clement's father, Charles Clement, removed with his family to Chester, New Hampshire, when the subject of this sketch was one year old, and the family remained there until 1862 when they again took up their residence in Joliet. Until 1868 Arthur Clement attended the public schools of the City. and in that year entered Cornell College at Ithaca, New York, and graduated in 1872 with the degree of B. S. He taught school for a year after leaving college and entered the law office of Olin & Phelps in the summer of 1873, attending the law school in Chicago during the winter of 1874 and 1875. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 and formed a partnership with Captain Egbert Phelps, which lasted until the death of Mr. Charles Clement in 1878.

After the death of his father, Mr. Clement devoted his attention to the care of his estate and gradually retired from the practice of the law. In October, 1885, he formed a partnership with S. A. Oliver and engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and in 1894 retired from the partnership and has since been in the real estate and loan business. In June, 1897, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, S. D. Chaney, and they are now carrying on a real estate and loan business in the Clement block.

Although Mr. Clement was never an active politician, he has always been greatly interested in public matters of all kinds. Politically he has always been a Democrat, except in the Presidential Election of 1896 when he voted for McKinley. He has never held public office and has no political aspirations.

Samuel D. Chaney.

Samuel D. Chaney, the junior member of the firm of Clement & Chaney, Real Estate and Loans, is one of the aggressive and energetic business men of Joliet as he is one of the most successful. He is a comparatively young man, having been born in Marion Township, Ogle County, in 1857, and there he lived until 1874, when his father rented out his farm and removed with his family to



CLEMENT BLOCK.

Oregon, the county seat of Ogle County. Mr. Chaney's education was received at the public schools and after leaving his books he engaged in the stock raising business until the fall of 1885. In the fall of 1885 Mr. Chaney went to Detroit and was engaged in the real estate and loan business in Cleveland and Chicago, with headquarters at Detroit, until 1891, when he commenced travelling and until 1894 was continuously traveling. In 1894 he came to Joliet and engaged in the real estate and loan business which he conducted until 1897, when he entered in-

to partnership in the same business with his brother-in-law, A. C. Clement, in the firm name of Clement & Chaney. The firm does a very large business and is looked upon as one of the standard concerns of the City.

Mr. Chaney has been very active in public matters and has given a great deal of his time to public work of various kinds. For a time he was the manager of the Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, and has, upon occasion, acted by request for large property owners in various matters of legislation before the City Council. His business record in Joliet is without a stain and his name is a sufficient guarantee for almost anything. Mr. Chaney was married in 1894 to Miss Clement and has an interesting family.

J. D. Brown & Company.

The drug store of J. D. Brown & Company having been established in Joliet over fifty years, is known by most every person in the County. Mr. James



INTERIOR VIEW OF J. D. BROWN & COMPANY.

Douglas Brown came from New York State to Joliet in 1844, shortly after engaging in the drug business which he conducted up to the time of his death, February, 1895. Since then the business has been carried on by his sons, Eugene C. and Horace H, both having graduated in pharmacy. By honest and upright dealings combined with the energy required, they have built up a business second to none in the State. Their stock is complete and the clerks, like themselves, are agreeable and always anxious to please. Should you want prescriptions compounded after hours you will find their night clerk on hand.

Thomas Hennebry.

Thomas Hennebry, the senior partner of the firm of Hennebry Brothers & Company, clothing dealers on North Chicago street, is one of the best known of the citizens of Joliet, as he has an extensive acquaintance not alone in the City but throughout Will County. He has served in several public offices and always with credit alike to himself and his constituents. His business record has been clear from any suspicion of wrong doing and he is today one of the most thoroughly respected as well as one of the most successful merchants in Joliet.

Mr. Hennebry is an Irishman by birth, having been born on the Green Isle December 1, 1844. He came to America when but four years old, settled on a



HENNEBRY BROTHERS & COMPANY, CLOTHING, ETC.

farm near Lemont, in DuPage County; where he resided until 1862. He enlisted at Lockport, in Co. C, Lockport Guards, 90th Illinois Regiment and served until the close of the war. His early education was received at the public schools and the rest of it was obtained under the best of teachers, "experience."

Mr. Hennebry's first public office was that of Supervisor of the Township of Reed which he held for a term, and when Grover Cleveland came into office for the first time he was appointed Postmaster at Braidwood, a position which he held until 1888. Two years later he ran for the office of Sheriff of Will County on the Democratic ticket and was elected by a good majority. He served in this capacity until 1894 when he retired from public life to devote himself to the prosecution of the clothing business which he had established in 1890.

Mr. Hennebry is married and has several children.

Fred Schott.

Although a comparatively young man, having been born in Joliet only thirty years ago, Fred Schott is today the proprietor of the leading wall paper and paints and oils business in Joliet. He occupies two stores and basement at 413 and 415 Jefferson street and his business, now very large, is constantly increasing.

Mr. Schott was born in Joliet thirty years ago and his education was received in the Joliet schools. Immediately after leaving them he entered the wall paper and paint store kept by his father, Jacob Schott, who had established the business in 1855 and is at present the proprietor and active manager of the business. He has had exceptional opportunities for informing himself as to every detail of the



FRED SCHOTT, WALL PAPER, PAINTS, ETC.

trade and knows every branch of it from the ground up. Ever since the establishment of the business in 1855 by the elder Schott, the store has enjoyed a most generous patronage, and since Fred Schott took hold of it its progress has been even more rapid than before. The business consists of wall paper and everything which is usually found in wall paper stores. Among the articles dealt in are paints, oils, varnishes, parquetry floors, artist's materials, glass and the like. The firm also does a large business in interior decorative work and have done some most beautiful work in this line.

Mr. Schott is a member of Joliet Commandry No. 4, Knights Templar, and also belongs to Medinah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Chicago. He is popular both in a business and social way and enjoys the confidence of all who have had business relations with him.

Robert Pilcher.

Robert Pilcher, the well known paper manufacturer of Joliet, is one of the most highly esteemed, as well as successful of the business men of the City. Mr. Pilcher is an Englishman by birth and has been trained for his business in the hard but very able teacher, experience. Mr. Pilcher has been interested in the manufacture of paper for several years and knows every detail of the business, although he did not open his own business house until 1886. At that time he manufactured paper at the upper dam, (dam No. 2) and continued in that location



ROBERT PILCHER, WRAPPING PAPER, ETC.

until 1893, when he removed to his present location at 203 and 205 Washington street. At present he is engaged in the jobbing of paper, twine, wooden ware, blank books and the like. Mr. Pilcher deserves the success which has come to him, for his knowledge of the business has enabled him to manufacture the very best articles in his line and to be able to put them on the market at a low price. He occupies a three story building, 50x100 feet in size, and employs a number of wagons. His business is constantly increasing.

Mr. Pilcher is married and has a pleasant home at 407 Raynor avenue. While Mr. Pilcher is in no sense an active politician, he takes a decided interest

in all public affairs and keeps up with the latest information on public matters. His opinion in business of any kind upon which he will express an opinion is regarded in having great weight with his acquaintances. His business career and his social life are those of an honorable and upright man.

Baskerville Brothers.

Baskerville Brothers, the well known liverymen and meat dealers have built up a business in Joliet of which they may well be proud, and which is proving to be decidedly lucrative to them. They have been established here in business many years and from the first have been successful in their business ventures. Thomas and John Baskerville, the two partners of the firm, both have a very wide acquaintance not alone in Joliet but all through Will County as well, and their livery stable has for years been the standard stopping place for Will County farmers. "Meet you at Baskerville's" is familiar to hundreds of farmers and few places in Joliet are more widely known.



BASKERVILLE BROTHERS, LIVERY.

The Baskerville Brothers were the first to introduce into Joliet the system of meeting all trains with carriages and baggage wagons. The nominal charge of twenty-five cents is all that is asked for transportation to any point inside of the City, but even at this low figure the Baskerville Brothers have made the business pay and pay well. Their facilities for boarding horses and for taking care of carriages are unsurpassed and they have always at the disposal of their customers a large number of the latest style turnouts and good saddle horses.

The meat business conducted by the brothers is also in a most flourishing condition. Their meats are good and their prices are right. Their market is located at 118 North Ottawa street and their livery at 408-410 Van Buren street.

Consolidated Steel and Wire Company.

One of the most important of the many manufacturing industries of Joliet are the plants of the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company. The head offices of this company are in Suite 959, "The Rookery," Chicago, and its mills are located at Rankin, Allentown and Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Cleveland, Ohio and St. Louis, Missouri; besides the two large plants in this City.

The plants at Joliet are the Scott Street Mill under the superintendency of Mr. John Y. Brooks. This is the old original mill established by Lambert &



SCOTT STREET PLANT OF CONSOLIDATED STEEL AND WIRE COMPANY.

Bishop. The other, now known as the Rockdale Mill, of which Mr. George W. Jewett is superintendent, occupies the old Enterprise wire mill, and has been in operation since the early part of 1897. These two mills are recognized as the leading wire and nail mills of the country. The product of these mills consists of barb wire, staples, nails, woven wire fencing, poultry netting and market wire.

The Scott street plant has a capacity of four thousand kegs of nails per day of twenty-four hours, and from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five tons of barb wire per day. No nails are made at Rockdale, the capacity of that mill being one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five tons of barb wire per day. The balance of its product goes into woven wire fencing, poultry

netting, staples, bale ties, and all kinds of market wires. In the item of nails alone the Scott street plant produces one-fifth of the entire nail products of the entire country. As employers of labor, the Joliet plants of the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company are second only to the Illinois Steel Company. The Scott street plant furnishes employment to one thousand men, while the Rockdale mill employs seven hundred. During the recent hard times and period of financial depression, the Scott street plant was kept in operation and the product was stored rather than close the plant and throw its men out of employment, and for over a



RESIDENCE OF COL. JOHN LAMBERT.

year past the same mill has been run at full capacity. The Rockdale mill has also been run on full time since its establishment, with a constantly increasing force of men.

Mr. John Lambert, vice-president and general manager of the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company, is a resident of Joliet, where he has a beautiful home at 415 Herkimer street. Mr. Lambert is a native of New Jersey, entering the cavalry branch of the army from that state at the age of sixteen, serving until the close of the war, when he returned to his native state. In 1867 he came west, locating at Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. From there he came to Joliet in

1870. He engaged in the wire business when that industry was comparatively in its infancy, and by his business foresight and capacity, coupled with fine executive ability, he has gone steadily forward until he stands today as the controlling spirit of one of the largest and most successful manufacturing industries of the country. He is a man of public spirit and enterprise and has always been a strong factor in charitable, philanthropic and public enterprises of his home city.

Max Goldberg.

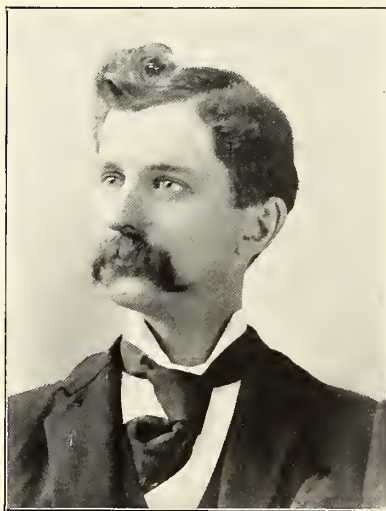
Max Goldberg, dealer in hard and soft coal, scrap iron, metals and machinery, was born in Kainigberg, April 15, 1856, and came to this country when but a



RESIDENCE OF MAX GOLDBERG.

young man. He commenced business in Joliet in 1888 as a dealer in scrap iron, metals and machinery, and in 1894 established his hard and soft coal business. At present he gives employment to fifteen men during the busy season and keeps constantly going six double and two single seams. He has two yards, one 75x110 feet and the other 25x100 feet. He also has a branch coal office at 604 Cass street. Mr. Goldberg ships all wrought and steel iron east to Pittsburg, Cleveland, Youngstown and Pique, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan. All cast iron is sold in Joliet and he supplies the Bates Machine Company with all cast iron used by them. Mr. Goldberg married Miss Jennie Weinberg, February 17, 1878, and they have three children. He is one of Joliet's most enterprising citizens and is a self-made man. Mr. Goldberg is a member of Joliet Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M., Powhan Lodge No. 29, I. O. O. F., Holy Grail Lodge No. 29, Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank, and is major and commissary of Illinois Brigade Knights of Pythias.

George W. Jewett.



GEORGE W. JEWETT,
SUPT. ROCKDALE MILL OF CONSOLIDATED
STEEL AND WIRE COMPANY.

George W. Jewett, the superintendent of the Rockdale Mill of the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company, was born in 1859 in Peterbrough, New Hampshire, and his early education was obtained in the public schools of his native town. After leaving school he entered the cotton mills at Manchester, New Hampshire, and was with that institution four years. In 1882 he went to Des Moines, Iowa, and was employed by the Baker wire mill of that city until 1890, when he went to Lockport with the Baker Wire Company and remained with the company until the Baker Wire Company was consolidated into the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company in 1892. In 1897 when the Rockdale Mill of the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company was again opened for business Mr. Jewett was engaged as the superintendent which position he now holds. He is thoroughly familiar with the business and is a most competent man.

J. M. Jones.

J. M. Jones, the superintendent of the Joliet Plant of the Great Western Tin Plate Company, is one of the youngest men in Joliet to occupy so responsible a position, having been born in South Wales, England, December 4, 1866. His early education was obtained in the public schools and at Arnold College, from which institution he graduated when fourteen years of age and at once entered the tin plate business under the direction of his father in the South Wales Tin Plate Swansea Company. When Mr. Jones was 24 years old his father died, he immediately left the firm where he got his experience, and took a position as superintendent at the Gower Iron and Tin Plate Company, Renclawdd; after serving that firm for two years he was promoted by the same company to take charge, as manager, of the Manor Sheet and Tin Plate Works at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England. He came to Pittsburg later, where he



J. M. JONES,
SUPT. GREAT WESTERN TIN PLATE COMPANY.

still remained in the tin plate business and left that city two years ago for Indiana to take charge of the Irondale Tin Plate Company. Since July 15 last he has been in charge of the Great Western plant in this City, which is now running full time. Mr. Jones has been in the tin plate business continuously since he was fourteen years of age and has worked through every department. Mr. Jones' father was known as one of the practical tin plate managers of the Old Country and his son is a chip off the old block.

Joseph Stephen.

Joseph Stephen, the old pioneer harness and carriage dealer and manufacturer is one of the best known and most prominent merchants in Joliet, having estab-



RESIDENCE OF JOSEPH STEPHEN.

lished his business here in 1861. In that year he established his harness business in his present location, 207 Jefferson street, the building being 22x135 feet in size, and he employs here between five and ten skilled workmen.

The carriage repository of Mr. Stephen is located at Cass and Arch Court and was erected in 1894 especially for this purpose. It is 100x100 feet in size and has two stories and a basement. Oscar J. Stephen is in charge of this branch of the business with ample help to conduct the large business now carried on there. The business consists of fine carriages, surreys, buggies, road wagons, grocery, laundry and all kinds of delivery wagons, and also a full supply of farm wagons, harness, robes, whips and blankets, in fact everything to be found in a first class repository.

Putland's Business College.

Putland's Business College can scarcely be said to have been organized at any given date, for it is the unexpected, or it might be said, the accidental outgrowth of the after office hours busily employed at teaching private pupils in shorthand and bookkeeping as practiced by Mr. Putland during the day time while connected with the Illinois Steel Company and other corporations.

In 1886, Mr. W. D. Putland, the proprietor and principal of the institution, entered upon an engagement with the old Joliet Steel Company as chief stenographer and private secretary to H. S. Smith, the well known general manager of that company. This position he held for about five years. During this time he had successfully conducted classes, during the evening, at the Y. M. C. A.; also



OFFICE OF PUTLAND'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.

taught a large number of private pupils, many of whom are today filling excellent positions. After severing his connection with the Illinois Steel Company he opened an office in the Barber Building, engaging in the work of soliciting life insurance, representing at different periods, two of the largest companies. While meeting with a good degree of success, he was so frequently solicited to take this pupil and that pupil, some of whom refused to be denied, that he finally consented to take a select few, yet, in spite of all attempts to keep out of that work, by degrees he was forced to neglect his insurance business and attend to the growing number of students, until it became necessary to remove to larger quarters in the Young Building, and there by reason of the steadily increasing number it became

necessary in the space of two months to remove three times, in the endeavor to seek quarters large enough to accomodate the numbers. Up to this time Mr. Putland had no thought of continuing in this business, but the rapid growth in numbers, the excellent success of many of the students and the many kind words from the merchants and professional men urging him to open a regular school, led him to give the matter earnest thought. The result was the removal into the present large and commodious quarters over Hobb's Grocery at 114-116 North Ottawa street, next to First National Bank, in the spring of 1892. The remarkable success of the school is due first, to the fact that the principal for many years was a very successful teacher in the public schools of Illinois from the little "red school house" of the country, through all the grades to the high school and later



PORTION OF THE MAIN STUDY HALL OF PUTLAND'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.
(ROOM TOO LARGE FOR A FULL PHOTOGRAPH.)

as superintendent. His education was largely obtained at a training school known as the College of Preceptors, in connection with the University of London, England. Thus to a natural ability for imparting knowledge and the love of teaching was added the technical training necessary.

After leaving the public schools he entered upon commercial work, being connected with such firms as A. G. Spalding & Brothers, Lancashire Insurance Company, Gardner Spry Lumber Company, Pullman Palace Car Company, Illinois Steel Company and others; with some firms as stenographer; again with others as bookkeeper; and then traveling salesman, as well as correspondent, thus to his natural ability as a teacher he has added the many years of practical experience



W. D. PUTLAND,
PROPRIETOR OF PUTLAND'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.

in the busy commercial world, and is certainly fitted to train pupils from the stand point of a business man rather than that of a school man.

Thus, with the experience of a teacher, and that of the business men added to his untiring energy in working with and for his pupils, it is not hard to see the reason for the success of his school which has the endorsement of the most prominent business and professional men of Joliet, as well as the kind words of commendation from the students themselves, who have sent many of their friends and relatives to their own Alma Mater.

Simeon W. Lull.

Simeon W. Lull was born in Brandon, Vt., January 4, 1832. He came west with his parents in 1835, and after attending public schools he engaged in a variety of different occupations in this part of the country. He has been in active business since 1853. He moved from Lockport to Joliet in 1885 and opened a grocery store on North Chicago street; this business he sold about 1890. In 1892 he built the Columbian Block. Three years later he organized the Joliet Cash



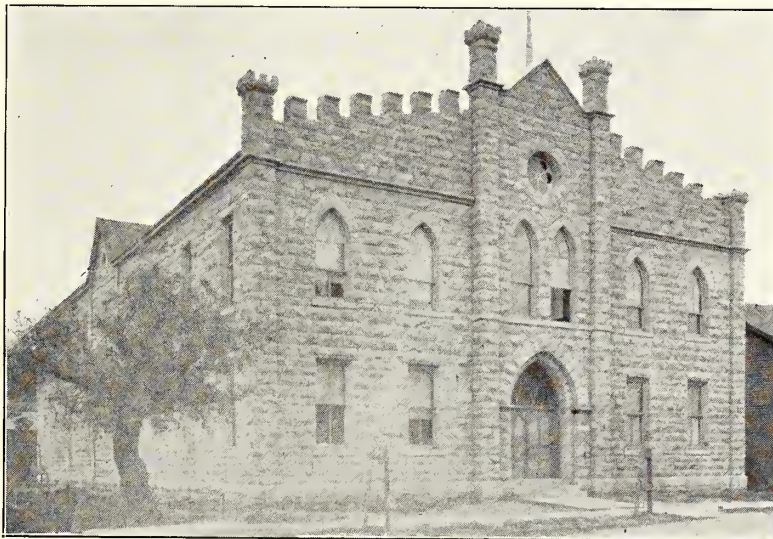
COLUMBIAN BLOCK.

Store and from the start done an active business in groceries, bakery products, meats, etc. In the fall of 1897 he sold out his business to Nommenson & Blair.

Mr. Lull has the respect of the commercial world; his watch word has always been "fair dealing." He retires from active business life with the best wishes of all who have known him.

Heintz Brothers.

Heintz Brothers, the firm being Michael J. and Joseph G. Heintz, are successful grocers, with their place of business at 101 Jefferson street. They carry a general line of staple and fancy groceries and in addition do a large business in railroad tickets between Chicago and Joliet. Both of them are old residents of the City and have a large circle of acquaintances by whom they are highly esteemed. They are both business men from the ground up and do not let anything interfere with their ambition to please every one of their customers. Their store is a large one being 25x75 feet in size and is kept well stocked with everything usually found in their line.



GERMAN SOCIETY HALL—J. G. WILHELM, BUILDER.

Both brothers are very popular socially and both are members of the Forrester and of the Modern Woodmen. Their present business was established in the spring of 1893 and has constantly increased up to the present time. Their goods are honest, their prices are right and they enjoy an excellent business.

Otto B. Bensen.

One of the most enterprising and one of the most successful of Joliet's business men is O. B. Bensen, the well-known dealer in coal and ice. Mr. Bensen established his business in Joliet more than fifteen years ago. It was a small business at first and was started without a large amount of capital, but under Mr. Bensen's careful and business like attention to even its smallest details, it has grown until it is at present one of the leading concerns of the kind in Joliet. His office is at 214 Collins street. Mr. Bensen makes a specialty of having the finest ice and the best grade coal which is to be obtained, and his long experience has made him a most careful buyer. His ice is of the purest quality and has never given any dis-



OFFICE AND YARDS OF OTTO B. BENSEN.

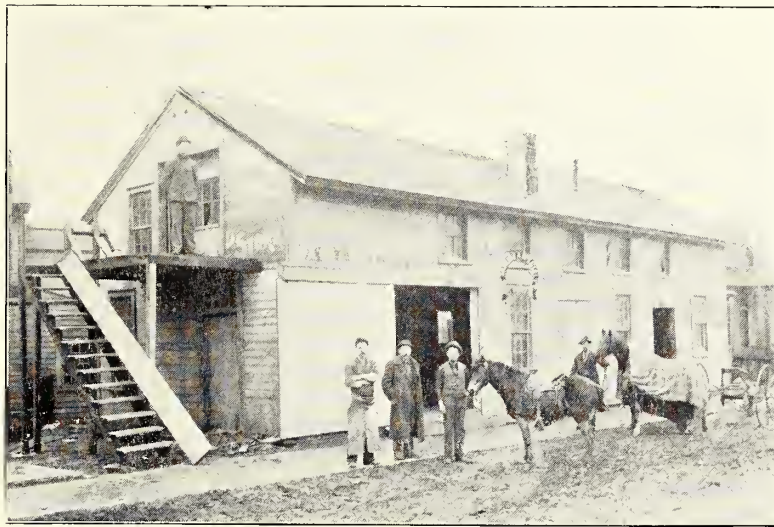
satisfaction and when a person buys ice of him they run no risk of drinking typhoid fever, germs or imbibing any other unhealthy microbes. His coal too is of the finest quality and burns insted of smouldering as so many grades of coal do. Mr. Bensen's prices are always right and he succeeds well in both keeping and increasing his trade.

MARCUS DALY, 2:22 $\frac{1}{4}$ —OWNED BY OTTO B. BENSEN.

Besides being interested in his business Mr. Bensen is also a great admirer and a fine judge of good horse flesh. He at present owns Marcus Daly, a registered stallion with a record of 2:22 $\frac{1}{4}$, and one of the most finely bred animals in this part of the state.

Gee Grimes.

Probably no person in Joliet understands that noble animal, a horse, better than does Gee Grimes, the well known horse shoer at 620 and 622 East Washington street. His reputation in this respect is by no means confined to Joliet and he is known throughout the state. Mr. Grimes was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana in 1853, and his education was received at the public schools. As a boy he developed a great love for horses and after leaving school he devoted himself for twenty-five years to training trotters and pacers, and has made a specialty of



GEE GRIMES' HORSE SHOEING SHOP.

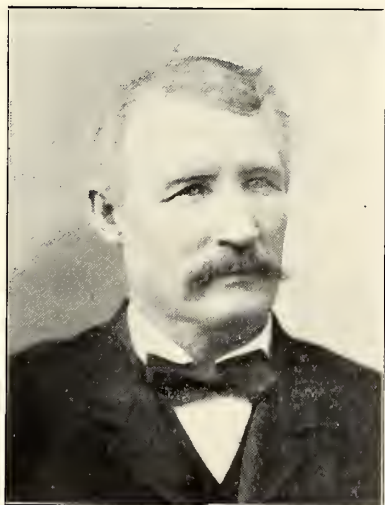
gaiting and balancing trotters, pacers and road horses. For reference as to his ability in this direction Mr. Grimes refers to the Joliet National Bank.

Mr. Grimes has dropped the training business altogether now and devotes his entire attention to horse shoeing. He can always be found at his shop and is always ready to drive and see what a horse needs before shoeing him. He will send for or deliver horses to all parts of the city and he employs none but the most experienced shoers. His prices are the same as those of other shoers and his work is always satisfactory. Mr. Grimes' telephone number is 301.

William Davidson.

As noted elsewhere in this volume, one of the principal industries of Joliet is the quarrying and sale of Joliet limestone, and the pioneer in this respect is William Davidson, who is now completing his forty-seventh year in the business, forty-four of which have been spent in Joliet. Mr. Davidson, as may be expected, is perhaps the best informed man on limestone and limestone quarrying there is

in the country, and the stone which he quarries is second to none of its kind anywhere in the country. Mr. Davidson is an Englishman by birth, having been born in Cumberland in 1827, and when a youth came to this country. He entered a stone quarry when he was but twenty years of age and by hard work and strict attention to business soon secured enough capital to enable him to operate a quarry of his own. He has been continuously in the business ever since and has gradually increased the size of his quarries until they now cover about sixty acres and employ about one hundred and thirty men.



WILLIAM DAVIDSON.

There is not in all Joliet a more thoroughly honest and square business man than William Davidson, and to this fact he owes, in a great measure, his great success in his chosen line of business. He was never known to take an unfair advantage of a customer in any way whatever, and the more a person deals with him the more he respects and trusts him. During his business life, extending nearly a half century, not a word of reproach has been cast upon his name and his business reputation is entirely unblemished.

Mr. Davidson does a very large business in stone and ships all over an area of five hundred miles. Several of his shipments have been made to New York City, a very unusual distance for stone to be shipped on account of the great expense of cartage.

Ernest Wunderlich.

Ernest Wunderlich, the well known and popular granite and marble dealer, is a German by birth, having been born in Fleissen, Kreis Eger, November 3, 1848. His early education was received at the schools of his native country, and after leaving school he learned his present business in the old country. He came to Joliet in 1869, when he was twenty years of age, and went from here to Chicago, where he worked for two years in his present business. He then returned to Joliet on his own account in his present business and has continued it uninterruptedly ever since. He at present occupies a place 50x135 feet in dimensions and carries the finest granite and marble monuments in stock which are to be found in the market.



ERNEST WUNDERLICH.

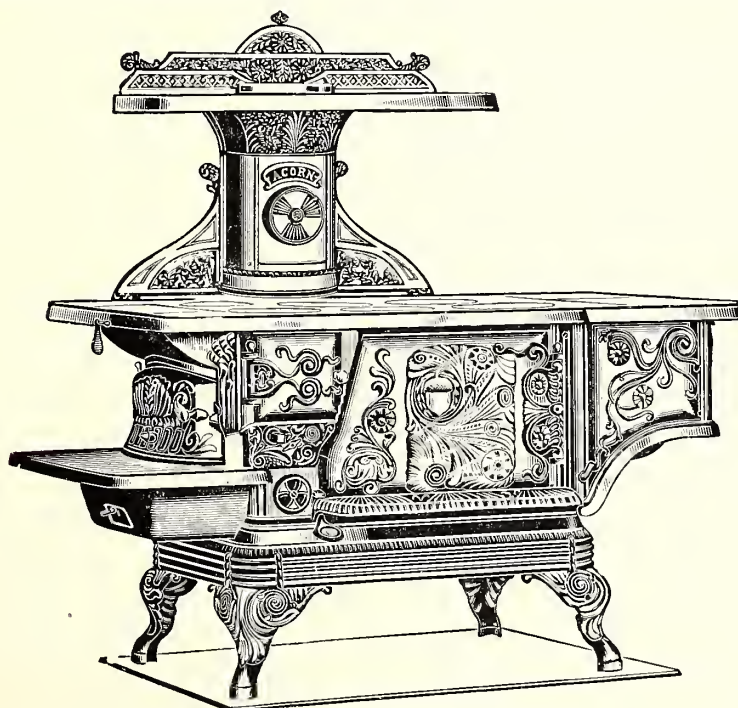
Mr. Wunderlich is an enthusiastic Republican in politics and has been prominent in the councils of his party. He was twice elected Supervisor of Joliet

Township, first in 1894 and again in 1897 and has filled the office most capably. He takes an active interest in all public questions and his opinion carries great weight with it. Mr. Wunderlich was married in 1869, in Joliet, to Margaret Geipel, who comes from his native town in Germany and they have a large family.



Robert Meers.

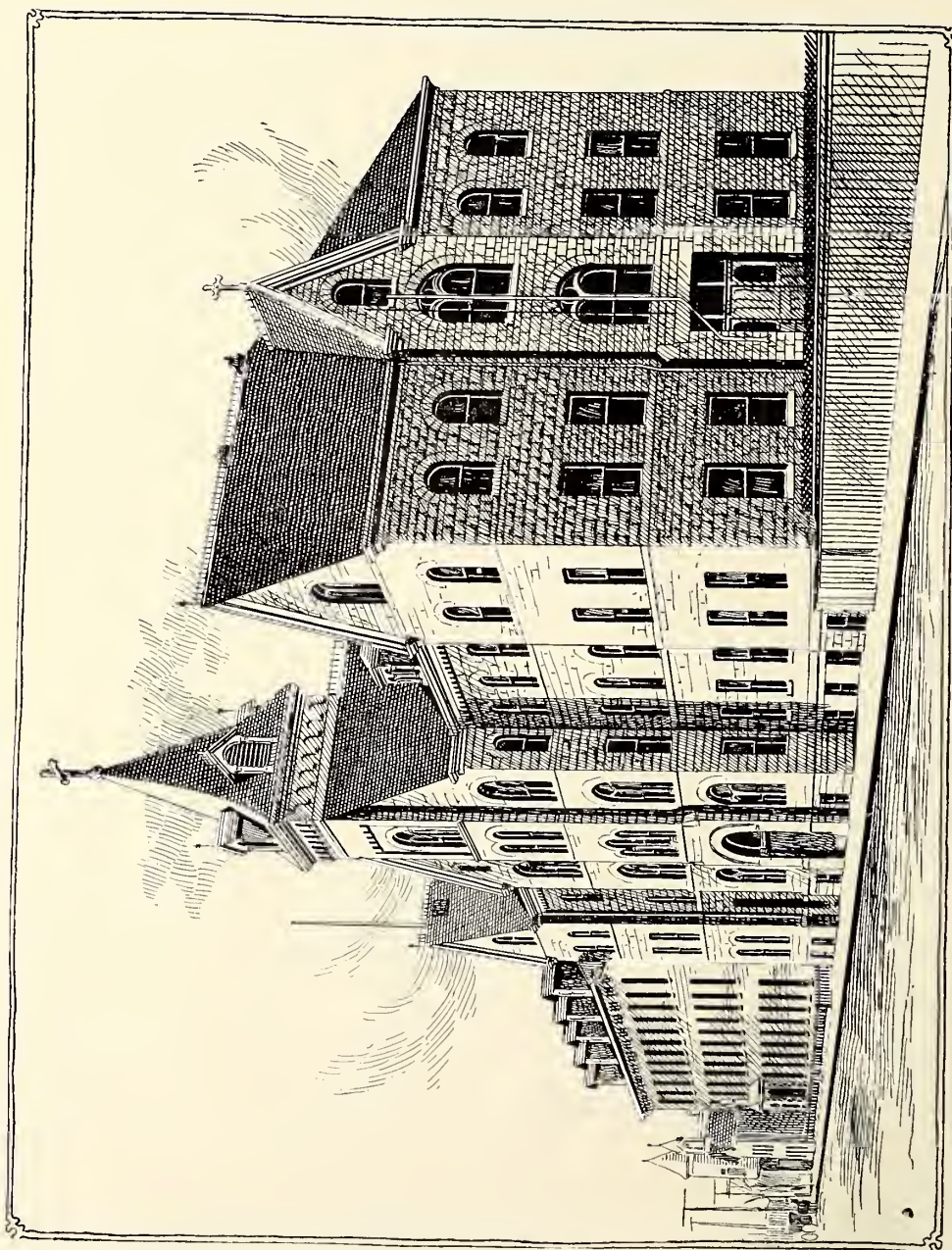
Robert Meers, dealer in hardware, stoves and furnaces, and contractor for plumbing, steam fitting, gas fitting and tinning, is one of the best known of



Joliet's business men, having been in business in Joliet continuously since 1875. In that year he entered the hardware store of his father and has been connected with the business ever since. In 1888, upon the death of his father, Mr. Meers assumed the control of the business which he has since retained.

The present location of the business of Mr. Meers is the store at 205 Jefferson

street, the building being 22x135 feet in size. It is stocked with everything which is to be found in the hardware, plumbing or steam fitting lines and is kept in such excellent order that it is a pleasure to enter it. Mr. Meers takes every pains to see that his customers are pleased. His goods are the best, his prices are reasonable and no more workmanlike jobs of plumbing or gas fitting are to be found in Joliet. He is personally a genial gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet either in a social or business way and has a large circle of friends. Although not in any sense a politician, Mr. Meers takes a most active interest in public affairs and is regarded as one of the City's solid men.



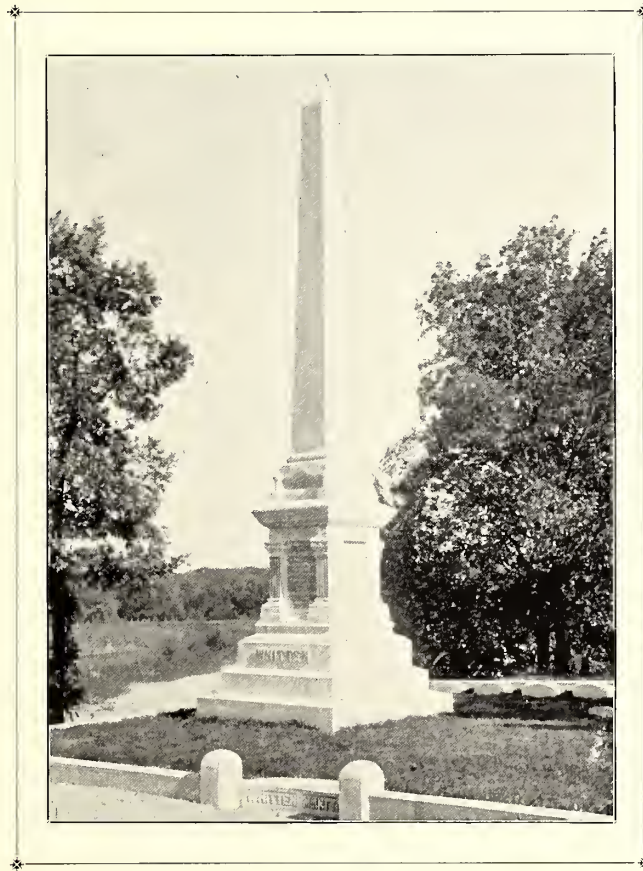
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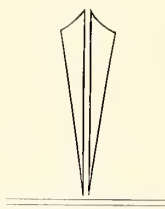
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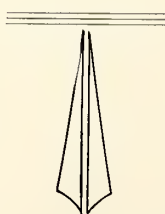


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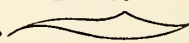


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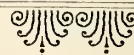
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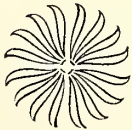
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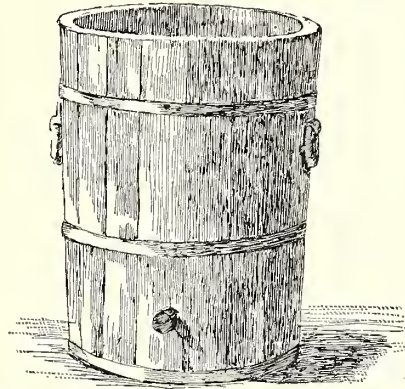
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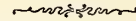
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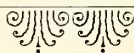
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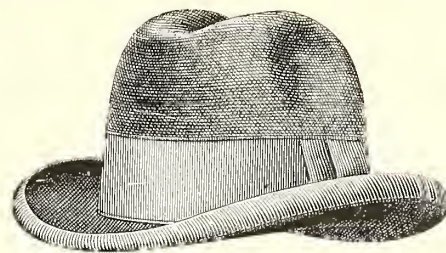
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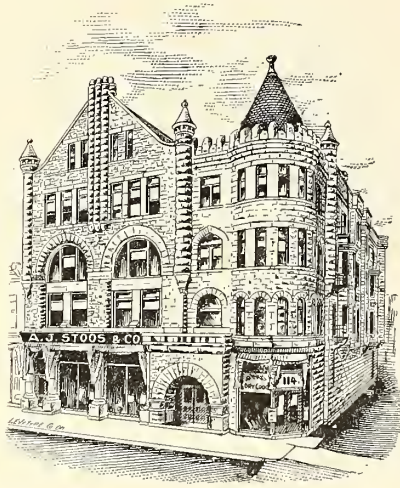


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